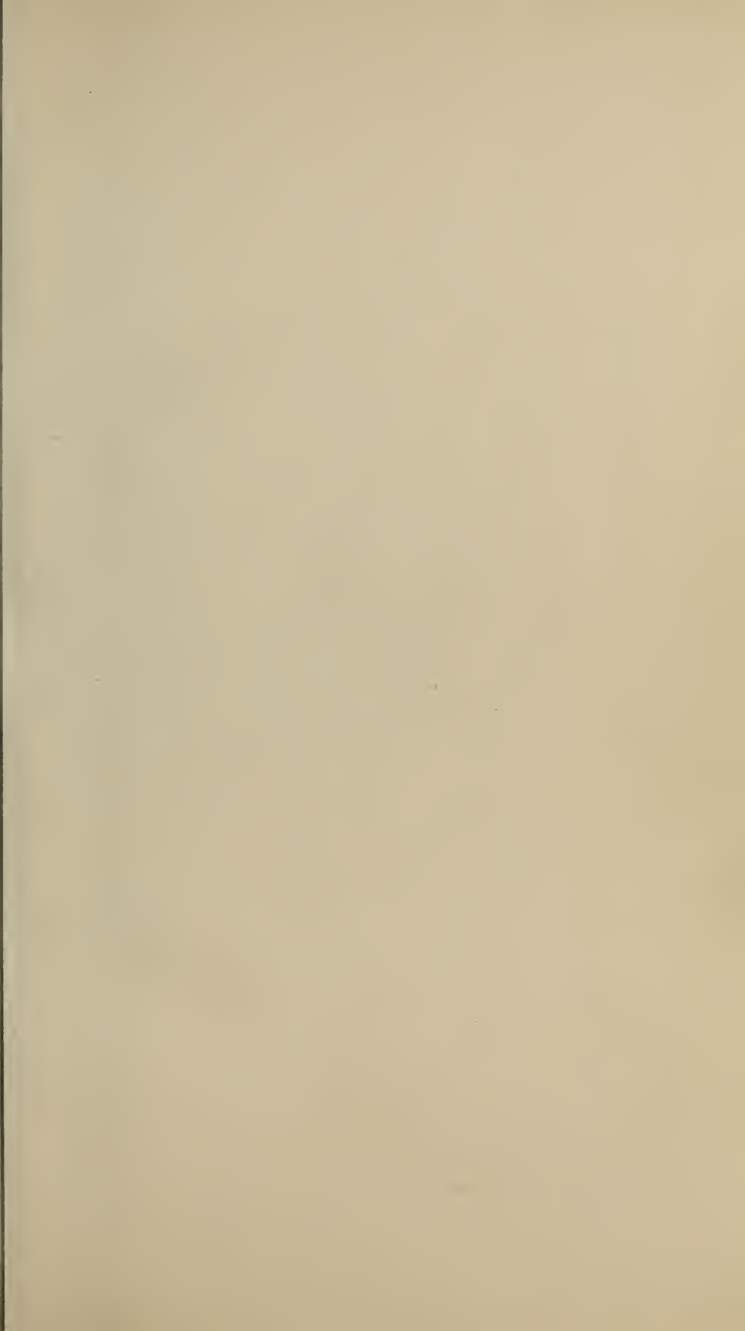


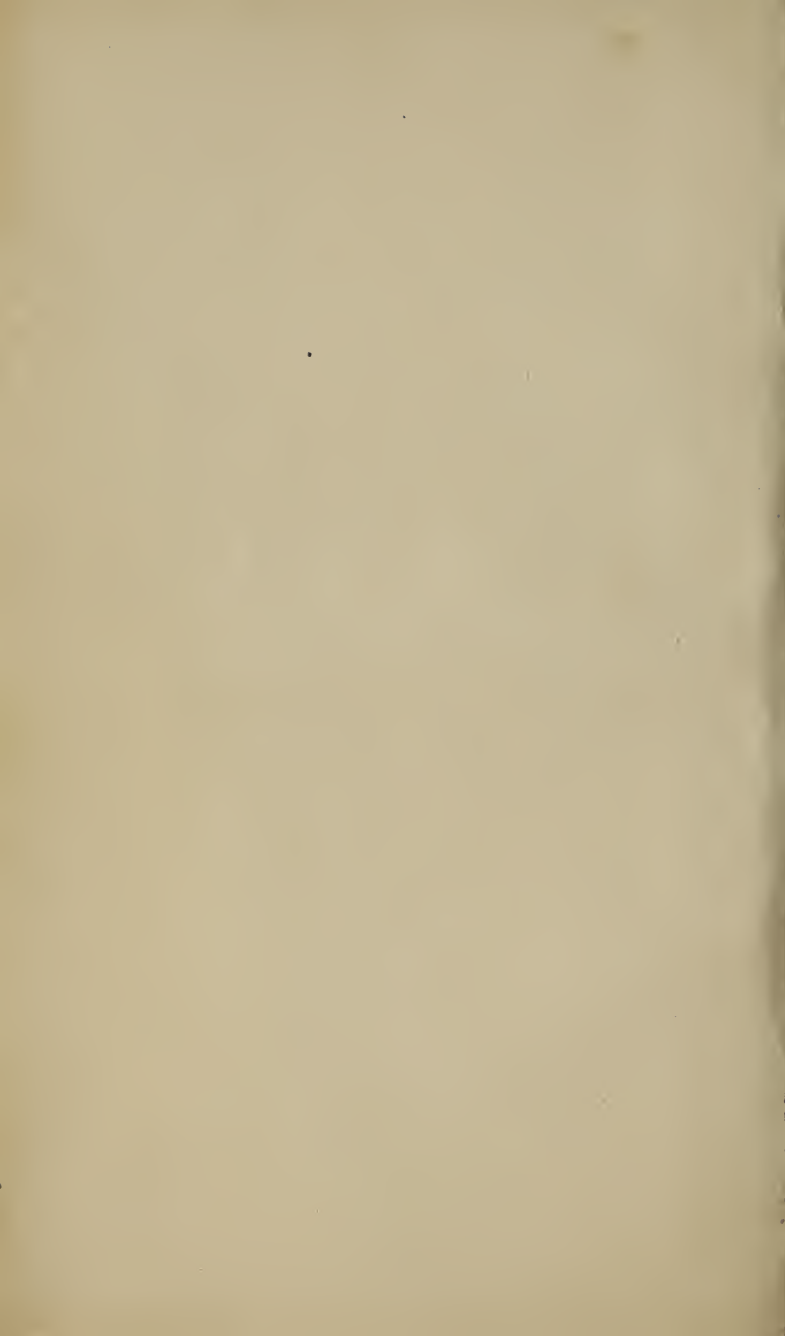




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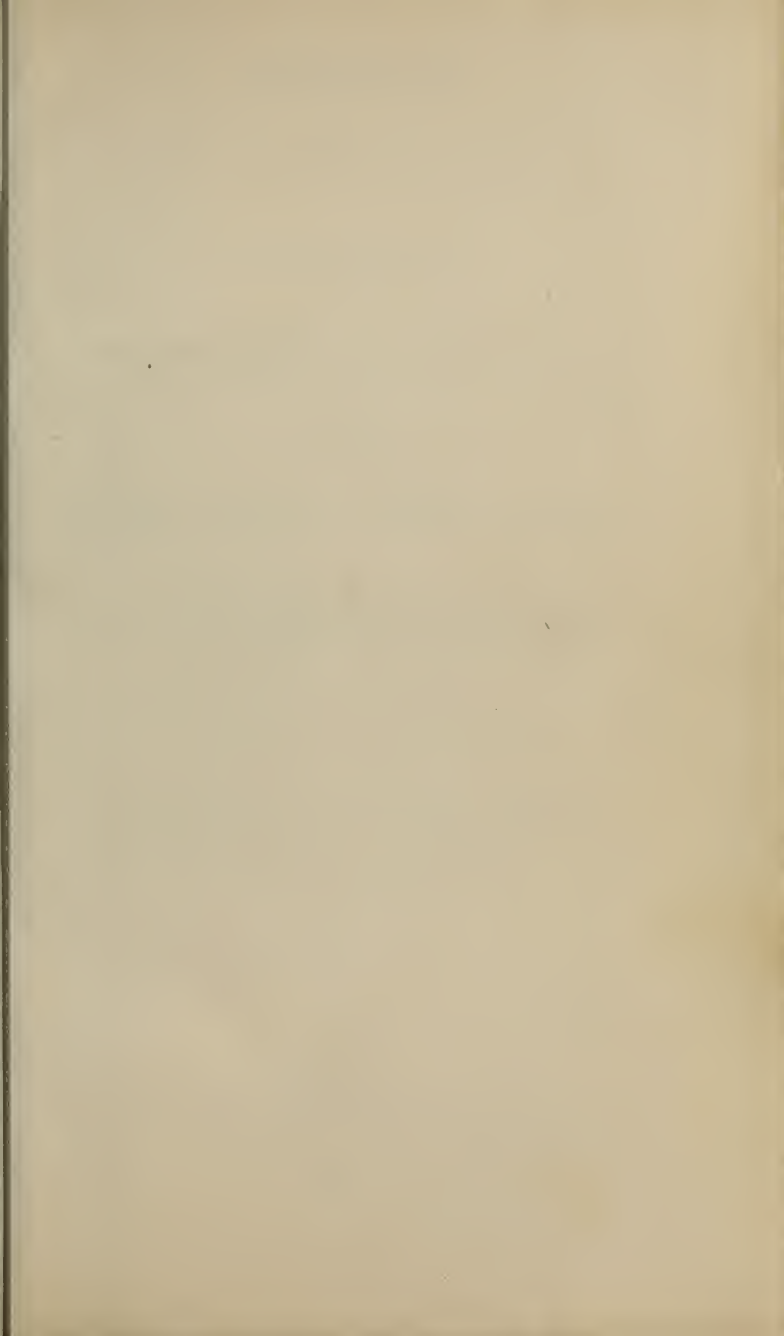


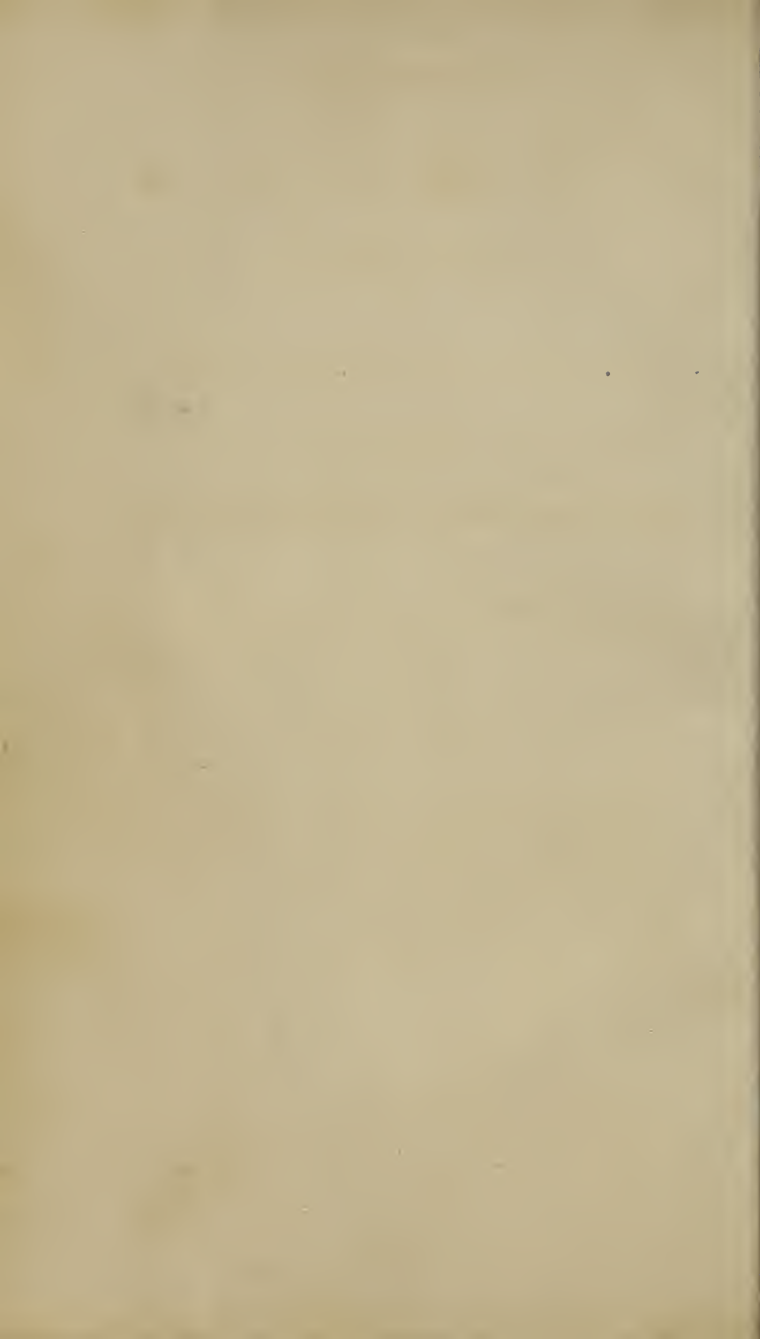




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CIRCULAR,

ACT OF INCORPORATION,

CONSTITUTION,

GOVERNMENT AND BY-LAWS,

OF THE

BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Organized December 4, 1833.

Accepted the Act of Incorporation March 25, 1834.

"Train up a child in the way he should go."....Solomon.

"Be not weary in well doing.".....Paul.

"Just as the twig is bent, the tree 's inclin'd."

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CIRCULAR.

A NUMBER of individuals have, for a considerable time, been pained in view of the wretched and perilous condition of very many poor children in this city, whose parents from extreme poverty, indolence and intemperance, so entirely neglect and ill treat them as to render their situation truly pitiable. They have earnestly desired that some benevolent plan might be devised to rescue such from destruction and prepare them to become useful and respectable. But the magnitude of the undertaking, combined with the fact that so many Institutions already exist that draw heavily upon the charities of the benevolent, has hitherto deterred those friends from making any attempt to bring forward a *new* object. The suffering condition of several children at the present juncture, has, however, so far overcome that diffidence, as to constrain them to make a direct appeal to *humanity*, hoping that a due attention to the subject, will obviate all objections, and result in the establishment of an Institution that will prove a blessing to the community, while it shall raise from the depths of human misery many an innocent helpless sufferer, that must otherwise, in all probability, meet an early grave, or live to grow up a hardened useless being; and after contributing to the ruin of others, exchange a life of wretchedness for a world of wo!

In presenting this subject, we expect to be met by the argument, that there already is open an "Asylum for Indigent Boys," another for "Orphan Girls," besides the

provision that is made for destitute children from the public chest. All this is acknowledged. But a thorough investigation of the point in hand will show, that there is a class of a very interesting character, who, for various reasons, are not, and probably never will be benefitted by either of those, notwithstanding their excellencies and their utility.

Besides the class of children already named, there is yet another, that stands in imminent danger, and calls aloud for help, viz. those who have one parent, either father or mother, that is willing to labour for their support; but while they do this, it is out of their power to oversee their children, because their work calls them from home. It is often the case that they suffer for want of proper care, become unmanageable, get into the company of vicious associates, and are ruined. How distressing the situation of a *mother*, for instance, her husband dead, or worse than dead, and herself obliged to go out, perhaps every day in the week, to work for the maintenance of three or four children. She leaves them, it may be, with an aged relative, or some person who has no authority over them; they take advantages; neglect their schools; are unreasonably corrected, or injuriously indulged, and the afflicted woman sees them growing up before her, with the disheartening prospect of their becoming odious in society, and likely to bring her with sorrow to her grave.

It is believed, by those who have reflected upon the subject, that an Institution may be raised, that will be calculated to benefit such children, and greatly to relieve their parents, while it will not assume the responsibility of *entirely* supporting the children. The parents, when there are such, should be required to do all that they are able to do. Where the parents are dissolute,

however, it will be expedient to take them (by agreement) from under their control, altogether.

It being evident that much evil results to society as well as to families, from the neglect and ill management of boys as well as girls, it is proposed that such, under certain arrangements, shall be subjects of this charity, and the aid, both advisory and pecuniary, of gentlemen as well as ladies, shall be solicited. The care and government will, however, more appropriately devolve on ladies.

The outlines of a plan are herein presented, and ladies particularly are respectfully invited to promote the object by subscriptions and donations, and by soliciting the patronage of gentlemen and others.

PLAN.

It is proposed that funds be raised for the purpose of establishing a house for the reception of such children as may be considered suitable subjects, agreeably to the principles suggested above. The design is to render it as nearly as possible, like a well-regulated family of brothers and sisters, under the care and guidance of wise and affectionate parents.

Those parents who may wish to place their children under its care, with a view to their being instructed and brought up to habits of industry, economy, neatness, &c. &c. and have the ability to do so, shall be required to pay, weekly or monthly, such sum for each child as shall, under existing circumstances, be judged reasonable, and at the same time be more beneficial to their children, and more advantageous to themselves, than to keep them at their own homes. They must, moreover, resign them wholly to the government of the Institution during their residence in it, to be subject to such regulations as shall be most conducive to the general good; the

best interests of the family being the ruling motive with those who undertake to manage the arduous concern.

The ages of children at the time of admission, may vary as circumstances shall dictate. And the dismissal of such as shall be fully adopted by the Institution, as well as the occupation to be pursued, shall be regulated likewise by existing circumstances. Some may be best adapted to domestic avocations, others, to learning some useful trade, &c. Particular regard, therefore, shall be had to the capacities and inclinations of different individuals, as no one can be very profitable to herself, or others, if placed at an employment for which she has no natural taste or disposition. And the Institution may be rather benefitted than burdened by permitting some of them to reside a greater length of time than others, under its paternal roof. As respects boys, however, it will be proper that they be transferred to other hands as early as the age of seven or eight.

Religious instruction shall be considered of primary importance. Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, and Needle-work, shall be taught, agreeably to the capacities of the children. And when the establishment shall have so far advanced as to render it practicable, the girls shall be instructed in the essential and necessary arts of cookery, and other branches of domestic economy and household labour; it being obvious that much inconvenience and much waste of property result from a want of thorough information in those branches of female education.

Comfortable and sufficient food, clothing and lodging shall be provided; and strict attention paid to cleanliness and health.

It is sometimes the case that benevolent individuals take upon themselves the charge of supporting an indi-

gent friendless child. It may be a great convenience to place such a one in an Institution like the one under contemplation, the individual defraying the expense, at the same time relieving himself, or herself, of the care and incumbrance. It has often been found extremely difficult to obtain suitable boarding places for children, particularly poor children, where the advantages of a *home* and *requisite instructions* are combined. It is proposed that this shall be a place where the most respectable poor may feel perfectly safe in placing their children, as all intercourse will be cut off between the family, as such, and the connexions of any that may be so unhappy as to have connexions, that are otherwise.

This interesting object is most sincerely commended to the blessing and direction of Him who, when on earth, *took little children into his arms and blessed them*, aware that no enterprise can succeed, without *His* benediction.

Boston, November, 1833.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That ANN LEE, MARGARET D. BALDWIN, PHEBE H. LINSLEY, SUSAN D. REYNOLDS, and MARY WEBB, with their associates and successors, are hereby incorporated by the name of the **Boston Children's Friend Society**, for the purpose of providing for the support and education of Indigent Children of both sexes, not otherwise provided for, and who, for want of paternal care, are in a suffering and dangerous condition.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said Corporation may receive and take by purchase, grant, devise, bequest or donation, any real or personal property, and hold the same for the purposes aforesaid, and may manage and dispose of the same according to their discretion, provided, that, the whole amount of the real and personal property held and possessed by the said Corporation shall never exceed in value at any one time, the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That RICHARD FLETCHER, JOHN TAPPAN, JOHN B. JONES, BENJAMIN SMITH, DANIEL NOYES, JOHN C. PROCTOR, SAMUEL H. WALLEY, Jr. MOSES POND, GEORGE DENNY, BENJAMIN PERKINS, EBENEZER HAYWARD, and BENJAMIN HOWARD, and their successors, are hereby constituted a Board of Advisers, to co-operate with, and assist the Officers and Managers of said *Boston Children's Friend Society*, in promoting the benevolent purposes aforesaid.

House of Representatives, March 8, 1834, passed to be enacted.

W. B. CALHOUN, *Speaker*.

In Senate, March 11, 1834, passed to be enacted.

B. F. PICKMAN, *President*.

March 11, 1834, approved,

JOHN DAVIS.

A Copy. Attest,

EDWARD D. BANGS, *Sec'y. of the Commonwealth*.

CONSTITUTION.

Agreeably to a public invitation, a meeting was held at the Lecture Room of the Rev. Mr. MALCOM's Meeting-house, on Wednesday morning, December 4, 1833, when the following Constitution was adopted.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Society shall be known and designated by the name of the **Boston Children's Friend Society**, the objects of which, are expressed in the preceding Circular; and which shall consist of both males and females.

ARTICLE II.

A Lady or Gentleman, subscribing and paying *two dollars* annually, shall be a member. Any person paying *twenty-five dollars* at one time, or in two instalments of \$12½ each, shall be a member for life. Annual membership for children and youth one dollar.

ARTICLE III.

The Society shall annually make choice of a Board of Ladies to manage the affairs of the Institution; by whom a Board of Advisers shall be elected, consisting of Gentlemen, who are subscribers or donors; the number of which, shall be determined as occasion may require.

ARTICLE IV.

A President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Managers, shall constitute the Board of

Ladies; who shall appoint such number of Collectors as they may find expedient. They shall likewise have power to fill vacancies that may occur in either department, and to appoint the Governesses.

ARTICLE V.

The respective officers thus chosen, will be expected to fulfil their appropriate official duties. No monies shall be paid out of the Treasury, but by a written order from the President, or a Vice President; and the Treasurer shall exhibit at every annual meeting, or oftener, if requested, an account current of all receipts and disbursements, together with the amount of the balance on hand. And whenever the funds shall have amounted to the sum of two thousand dollars, she shall be required to give bonds.

ARTICLE VI.

The annual meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday in December, at half past ten o'clock, at such place as the Board may assign, of which the Secretary shall give public notice. The meetings of the Society and of the Board, shall always be opened by prayer.

ARTICLE VII.

The Board shall meet regularly for the transaction of business, on the first Friday in every month, at half past ten, A. M. at the Society's House; and may hold extra meetings whenever it may be requisite, at the call of the President, or in her absence, of a Vice President, with the concurrence of two other members of the Board. Any number of the officers and managers present at a regular meeting, shall be competent to proceed to business in fifteen minutes after the appointed hour.

ARTICLE VIII.

A Committee of two Ladies shall be appointed at each monthly meeting, to visit the Institution once or more every week, to inspect the House; to see that suitable provision is made for the support and instruction of the family; to confer with the Governess, and if needful, with the Advisers, relative to the best plans and methods of promoting the interests of the establishment; to encourage good behaviour, neatness, industry, &c. in the children; with whatever duties may arise from existing circumstances; and report at the meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE IX.

Any member of the Society may present the case of a needy child, and if, after the necessary inquiries, it appears in the opinion of the visiting Committee and the Governess, to be a proper object of the charity, and the funds are adequate, it may be immediately admitted into the house, and await a further decision of the case, at the monthly meeting.

The gratuitous professional services of one or more approved Physicians, will be gratefully accepted by a vote of the Board.

ARTICLE X.

Any member has a right to withdraw from the Society, by signifying such a wish to the Secretary or the Treasurer; but is obligated to pay assessments, until the desire to withdraw is made known.

ARTICLE XI.

Amendments may be made in this Constitution, by the voice of a majority of the members presents at an annual meeting.

REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

GOVERNMENT.

THE family shall be under the immediate care and management of a Governess and Assistant, or Assistants, who shall be persons of sound piety and virtuous example, chosen and appointed by the Board of Direction.

It shall be the duty of the Principal, to superintend all the internal affairs of the Institution, and with the advice of the Board, to made arrangements respecting the appropriate duties of the assistants; to keep a fair and accurate account of all the provisions, goods, &c. that she may receive into the house; of all the articles she may be authorized to purchase, or payments she may make on behalf of the Board; to be careful that nothing is wasted or misused, and once a quarter, to render an estimate of whatever may remain on hand.

She will be expected to keep a record of the names and ages of all the children that are committed to her care, their parent's names and places of birth, so nearly as can be ascertained, with any other circumstances relating to the children that may be interesting. She will preserve general order, industry, neatness, frugality and economy; see that the food, and clothing, and lodging are comfortable and sufficient; and that proper care is exercised in cases of sickness. She will further see that the requisite instructions are regularly and kindly imparted, and by a mild and affectionate exhibition of ma-

ternal regard, endeavour to gain the respect and esteem of her pupils, and to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

She will maintain family worship, strictly observe the Lord's-day, and daily afford such religious instruction as they may be capable of receiving, and as shall be adapted, with the blessing of God, to qualify them to become useful in the present life, and happy in the life to come.

An entire unanimity of feeling and action should be preserved in the management of the family, by those to whose care it is committed. The slightest appearance of the contrary, would have an unhappy influence on the children.

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN.

In the admission of children, care should be taken that none be received, but such as are proper subjects. Their education, and preparation for usefulness and respectability, as well as their rescue from exposure to vice and suffering, being a leading motive in this labour of love, some regard should be had to children of promise in point of *intellect*. And as this Institution will differ essentially from an alms-house or hospital, it will be advisable not to admit any that are labouring under diseases that are likely to affect the general health of the others.

The ages of the children at the time of their admission into the family, and also of their dismissal to other situations, may vary. But the Board will exercise a guardianship over those who are fully given up to its protection, (should their conduct be good,) until they arrive at the age of twenty-one; maintaining a paternal care for them, and endeavouring to promote their welfare and happiness. The parents of such, if they have any, will be required to give up the children by a written or print-

ed agreement to the guardianship and management of the Board, agreeably to the form of surrender annexed to these regulations.

The Girls, after having gone through such a course of instruction as they are adapted to receive, and their capacities having so far developed themselves as to discover their taste and ability for employment, suitable situations shall be sought for them, where they may become qualified to obtain a respectable and comfortable support for themselves, until the age of eighteen, or marriage within that age.

After the age of eighteen, they shall receive all the avails of their own earnings, with the advice and assistance of the Board, as to the best mode of improving such earnings, until they are twenty-one. They will thus be as advantageously situated as are young persons whose parents are able and willing to oversee and direct them, while they support themselves by their own industry; no one having a right to demand any portion of their wages, from eighteen to twenty-one.

Previously to eighteen, or marriage within that age, they will be provided for, (if they prove worthy,) either in the Institution, or in such family, or at such occupation as they may be placed by the Board. And in case of the decease of those under whose care they are placed, or of treatment by them, which is inconsistent with the obligations expressed in the Indentures, the Board reserves to itself the power of transferring the indentures to another individual.

The Boys, at the age of seven or eight, (earlier if needful,) will be under the immediate care and direction of the Board of Gentlemen; who will pursue a course, corresponding with that followed in reference to the girls; (the ladies still exerting a maternal watchfulness and influence over them,) until they become of age.

Should any child prove *incorrigible*, or utterly *incapable* of being prepared to obtain a livelihood, it shall be kindly and equitably dealt by, and be disposed of, as circumstances shall dictate to be right and proper.

The Board, in certain cases, may permit individuals to remain in the family during the whole term of their minority, when by so doing, they may be rendered more useful to the Institution and to themselves.

OF PARENTS OR FRIENDS,

Who may wish to place a Child in the Institution, at their own expense, either in whole or in part.

As this Institution is by no means intended to countenance vice, or indolence, or to release parents from the obligations which the great Creator has laid upon them to support and educate their children; but rather, is designed to *assist* them in the more faithful discharge of those high and important duties; it shall be required of those who may wish to avail themselves of these advantages, and *have it within their power*, to pay such sum per week, or month, as shall be judged reasonable and proper according to circumstances, by a committee appointed for that purpose; and the parents or friends shall sign a written or printed agreement that they will give up the child or children, entirely to the care, guardianship and management of the Board, to be governed by the same rules and regulations as are those who are fully adopted, so long as they remain in the house.

If a parent or friend who, either in whole or in part, defrays the expenses of a child, wishes to remove it from the Institution, he or she must give notice to the Governess, or to the Visiting Managers, whose duty it shall be to examine into the circumstances of the case, and report to the Board, or to the Standing Committee. If it appear safe and proper, and that the child will be

suitably provided for, it may be dismissed by a vote of the Board or of the Committee, as shall be determined by the Board; which vote shall be recorded, with such items of the case as may be requisite.

If upon examination, there is reason to apprehend that a removal will be hazardous to the morals of the child, such course shall be pursued as prudence shall dictate, and as shall be conformable to the principles contained in the surrender of the child to the charge of the Institution.

Any person of good moral character, who fully pays the board of a child, may withdraw it at pleasure.

If it should be found, after a residence of a few months, that any child whose board is wholly or partially paid, is not a suitable subject for the Institution, the Board shall have the right to dismiss it to the parent or friend who surrendered it; or with the consent of such friend, to make other provision for the child.

MANAGEMENT AND INSTRUCTION.

The glory of God, the salvation of souls, the prevention of pauperism and crime, and the moral and civil order of society, are the great objects which the *Children's Friend Society* have in view; and for the accomplishment of which, as instruments, they are willing to labour. Conscious that they are entirely dependent on the blessing of God and the gracious operations of his Holy Spirit, to render the means efficacious, they have engaged in this important work. And as the religious and moral culture of those infant and untutored minds, forms the basis on which rests their hope of success, they consider the duties of the Governess as arduous and binding. She will be expected to take the following items, as the model of her course of instructions and management.

She will teach them that the Holy Scriptures are the word of God, and that they are bound to love him with all their heart, and to believe and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. That they are accountable to him for all their words and actions; that he requires them to pay a sacred regard to *truth*, *honesty* and every other moral duty. She will endeavour to mould their dispositions to habits of obedience and respect to superiors, of kindness and affection for equals, and of tenderness and sympathy for those who are less favoured than themselves; and to honour the *aged*, whether rich or poor. The duty and advantages of *self-government*, of prompt submission to *family government*, and the faithful improvement of *time*, will be set before them in a pleasing and interesting manner, and enforced and illustrated by Scripture examples.

SCHOOLING, EMPLOYMENT, &c.

They shall be taught Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar, Needle-work and House-work, agreeably to the ages, capacities and sex of the pupils. Those who are old enough, shall mend and keep in order their own clothes, and by weekly rotation, assist in the domestic business of the family. They shall likewise assist in taking care of the younger children, that by administering little kindnesses and attentions to them, they may become qualified for the exercise of more enlarged duties of a similar nature in after life.

Whenever circumstances shall justify the measure, a suitable person may be employed to instruct them in the necessary and important art of *Cookery*; a branch of female education so essential to the comfort and prosperity of families.

If the weather permit, they shall regularly attend public worship on the Lord's-day, at such place as the Board

shall direct; and in the intervals of worship, the time shall be improved in reading or hearing read the Scriptures, and other suitable books, singing hymns, &c. &c. that the day may be rendered happy and its return desirable. On week days, suitable hours shall be allowed for recreation, and regular hours for school.

The Governess shall not allow any child to be absent from the house, without special permission in writing, from one of the Board.

No relative or acquaintance of any child belonging to the Institution shall interfere in the management of such child, or be permitted to visit him, or her, without the presence of a governess, nor shall more than two of the same family visit any child at the same time, (and never on the Lord's-day,) except in cases of sickness.

ACCOMMODATIONS.

Wholesome and sufficient food, shall be regularly and seasonably provided. The Governess will attend them at their meals, invoke a blessing, and see that proper decorum is observed at table.

Decent and comfortable clothing, suited to the seasons of the year, shall be provided, without particular regard to uniform. Also, comfortable lodging.

In cases of sickness, medical advice will be rendered by the Physicians who kindly accept the appointment of the Board. And the patient shall be recommended for medicines to the charity of the "Boston Dispensary," unless medicines are supplied by benevolent friends.

The Governess will visit the rooms before retiring at night, to see that the children are safe and comfortable.

No child shall be allowed to carry a lighted lamp or candle to any part of the house without the presence of a Governess; and the children who are old enough to retire to bed alone, shall be accustomed to do so without

a light. This will be done with a view to prevent any unpleasant impressions or apprehensions about being in the dark.

The Governess and Assistant, shall never be absent from the house at the same time, and neither should be absent during the night, without the knowledge and permission of the Visiting Committee.

The Committee will examine the children respecting their proficiency in learning, ascertain their treatment, and attend to other duties, as specified in the 8th Article of the Constitution.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS.

The children shall rise at five o'clock in summer, and at seven in winter. Go to bed at six in winter and at eight in summer. Immediately after rising, repeat prayers and hymns. Wash in cold water, comb their heads, clean their chambers, and attend family worship. Take breakfast. Play until nine o'clock. School shall then commence, and continue until twelve. Dinner and proper recreation, shall occupy the time until two. Attend school till five. Play till supper. Repeat Scripture or prayers, and sing hymns. Wash, and retire at the hour appointed, until old enough to sit up and work or study one or two hours later. Saturday afternoons, brush or dust the chambers, wash all over, and put clothes in order for the Lord's-day.

May the Great Head of the Church condescend to own this new and untried effort of his people, to benefit their fellow beings. May a large capital of *mind*, that would otherwise remain shrouded in ignorance, or expand, only in the practice of evil, be brought into pure and vigorous action, and exert a happy influence on the morals of our city. And may many immortal souls, be prepared, by the blessing of God, for the kingdom of eternal glory.

Form of a surrender of a child fully given up to the guardianship, direction and management of the Institution.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I
of _____, in the County of _____, and Com-
monwealth of Massachusetts, the _____ of
a minor, in consideration that the said child has been received by the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, to be nurtured, educated and employed according to the rules and regulations of said Institution, do hereby surrender and release the said _____ to the said BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, to the entire, sole and exclusive care, management and direction of the said Society, and the Board of Managers thereof, until the _____ day of _____ which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and _____ when the said _____ will have arrived at the age of twenty-one years; to be fed, clothed, governed, instructed, corrected and employed, according to the regulations of said Institution, and under the direction of the proper officers thereof, and when they shall think fit and proper, by them to be bound out in a virtuous family, or to a respectable trade or occupation; or to be educated in such other manner as they may deem beneficial during said term of minority; hereby giving, granting, and transferring unto them, all my right, power and authority in and over _____ the said minor.

And I do hereby covenant, That I will in no way or manner, either directly or indirectly, interfere with the management, direction, or government of the said minor; that I will never visit, nor attempt to visit _____ except as may from time to time be permitted me under the regulations of said Institution; that I will never ask nor receive any compensation for _____ services; nor induce, nor attempt to induce to leave any family, station, or employment, in which _____ may be placed by the Board of Managers; and, finally, that I will strictly conform to all the rules, regulations and requirements of the said BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and _____

Signed, sealed and delivered, in presence of

Form of agreement to be signed by a parent, or guardian, who wishes to place his or her child, or ward, under the care of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, and engages to defray, either in whole, or in part, the expenses of said child.

I, the subscriber, being desirous to place my child,
under the care and protection of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, to be fed, instructed, and governed agreeably to the rules and regulations of said Society, so long as circumstances render it necessary and expedient, do hereby agree that I will pay to the Treasurer of said Society, in consideration of the benefits that said child will receive, every week, or at that rate, by the month, and that I will abide by all the rules and regulations of said Institution, in such cases provided, so long as said child shall remain in said Institution; and that I will not interfere with the management or government of the said child during residence and support in the Institution; reserving however the right and privilege of taking said child, out of said Institution, whenever my circumstances shall render it right, and consistent with the best good of the child to do so. And should I at any time apply for the child under circumstances, which, in the opinion of the Board of Managers, or of the Committee appointed to judge in such cases, will be hazardous to the morals, character, and interests of said child, I do hereby engage and agree to abide by the judgment, decision and advice of the said Board, or Committee; and to wait until they may see that it is suitable and proper to return to my charge and protection.

In Testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand, this
day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and

Signed in presence of

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1834.

Mrs. ANN LEE, *President*,
 Mrs. MARGARET D. BALDWIN, }
 Mrs. PHEBE H. LINSLEY, } *Vice Pres'ts.*
 Mrs. SUSAN D. REYNOLDS, }
 Miss MARY WEBB, *Secretary*,
 Mrs. DEBORAH LEROW, *Treasurer*.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. DANIEL NOYES,		Mrs. EBENEZER SMITH,
Mrs. DARIUS BOARDMAN,		Mrs. MARY BURNS,
Mrs. J. B. JONES,		Mrs. SARAH COLBY,
Mrs. J. C. PROCTOR,		Mrs. ABEL BAKER,
Mrs. DANIEL CUMMINGS,		Mrs. EBENEZER HAYWARD,
Mrs. JOSEPH JACKSON,		Mrs. ROBERT L. BIRD.

PHYSICIANS.

Dr. ALBERT WILLIAMS,
 Dr. JAMES B. GREGERSON.

Collectors appointed by the Board.

Mrs. J. C. FULLER,		Miss E. MORRIS,
Mrs. P. ADAMS,		Miss S. V. BACON,
Mrs. M. CARPENTER,		Miss D. RANDALL,
Mrs. W. ADAMS,		Miss S. BAKER,
Mrs. — LION,		Miss L. BAKER,
Miss F. HASKINS,		Miss — HOWE,
Miss M. CLOUGH,		Miss C. JACKSON,
Miss — THOMAS,		Miss H. E. HAYWARD.
Miss S. McKNEEL,		

The names of the Gentlemen, composing the Board of Advisers, are inserted in the Act of Incorporation.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

*Item.....*I, A. B. do give and bequeath to the Treasurer for the time being, of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, the sum of _____ for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be applied by the Board of Managers thereof, to the general objects of the Society. And I do direct, that the receipt of the Treasurer, shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for the same.

Donations in money, goods, provisions, fuel, clothing, &c. &c. will be very gratefully accepted.

The thanks of the Board are respectfully tendered to the Auxiliary Societies, and to individuals who have generously aided by donations.

The Institution is located at No. 83, Prince Street, near Charlestown Bridge. Six children have been admitted, and others will be received as soon as an increase of funds will permit. Any articles of furniture, whether new or second hand, that the friends of the establishment may be pleased to bestow, will be highly acceptable.

BOSTON

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT,

Presented December 3, 1834.

"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not
for of such is the kingdom of God."....Luke xviii. 16.

"And that their children, which have not known any thing, may
hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God."....Deut. xxxi. 13.

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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

IN offering their first Annual Report, the Board of Managers of the Children's Friend Society flatter themselves, that the candour of their constituents, will forbid them to expect that any great achievements have been made, or that any very important results have followed the labours of one short year, in a work of such magnitude as that which has been assigned them. The plan is so entirely novel and unprecedented, that it manifestly, requires experience, to test, both its practicability and its advantages. To construct and rear a fabric so essential to the interests, physical and moral, of so many as are and may be concerned, has called for the exercise of all the wisdom and skill, which the Board pretend to possess. And should disappointments rise up in the pathway of either themselves, or of their successors, it will not be strange or unexpected. They have, however, endeavoured, relying on Divine direction, to devise and mature such plans, as in their judgment, are best adapted to promote its usefulness and its permanency.

The need of such an establishment, is too well known to require an assertion at this time. It may, notwithstanding, be proper to remark, that it has long and steadily dwelt on the minds of many, that *the condition of children, exposed to vice and suffering*, is a subject that calls for *profound attention*. From this source has accrued to society, innumerable of the evils, in which it is enveloped. Generation after generation, has come and gone, leaving little better example, or inheritance, to their posterity, than *sin and misery*. To check

and remedy those evils, perhaps no city has done more, than has our beloved Boston. Still, we find they increase rather than diminish. Hence we meet difficulties and objections of a most disheartening character, every step we take in the onward course of benevolence. To toil day after day, and year after year, striving to bring about a better state of things, while we see them waxing worse and worse, is truly discouraging. Yet we are commanded not to be weary in well-doing. And what so calculated to call into action the better feelings of our nature, as the *sufferings* of a *fellow being*? What so adapted to excite within us a disposition to imitate *Him*, "who, though he was rich, for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty may be rich?" And how full the reward, when the most simple act of kindness is rendered to another, from *pure motives*. "The time has arrived," said one, "when it is evident that God intends to bless the poor through the rich, and to bless the rich, through the poor; and it is a *grand crisis*." "Blessed is he that considereth the poor, the Lord will deliver him, in time of trouble." There are, notwithstanding, all the discouragements that depress the spirit of sympathy; there are cases, where it is obviously a *duty* to relieve the poor and the helpless. It is equally obvious, that the eye of this association has fallen directly on one of those cases. Where, in the wide extent of creation, is there an object, more exquisitely touching, to the soul formed for commiseration; than *suffering childhood*? Here is a soil, on which censure and upbraiding may not intrude. Censure and upbraiding, may indeed, with the strictest justice, be awarded to those who bear the most tender and responsible relations to the little sufferers; but this augments rather than lessens its claim on the compassion of strangers. An inspired prophet puts the moving interrogation, "*can a woman forget her nursing?*" And we are obliged to say, though we blush for our sex while we reply—yes! she *can*, she *does*, sometimes, forget *her own child*! The *father* too, on whom devolves the honourable, the superior trust of providing for both the mother and the child, *he can forget*; yea more, he can be cruel, he can abandon to want and ignominy, those

whom he is under the most solemn obligations to sustain. O, human dignity! how art thou fallen! The defenceless one, whom the condescending Jesus would receive with open arms, is forsaken. The slender frame that so much needs the fostering hand of parental care to protect and support it; the rational mind, that with proper cultivation may improve in knowledge and virtue, and be prepared to enrich the community with an increase of intellectual and moral power; and if renewed by grace, may do much towards converting the world to God, and of augmenting his praises in eternity. This immortal being is cast off and neglected; left to float on the current of vice, till it plunges into the abyss of wo interminable. Nor does it go alone! Its influence contaminates as it progresses, and the evils swell beyond computation. It hence is perceptible, that this Institution is intended to be an expedient of *prevention*. To take up, so far as the means placed at its disposal shall enable it, *little children*, before the habits of vice are too deeply rooted to be overcome, and with the blessing of God, to *save* them from the dangers to which they are liable; is the arduous, but pleasing task assumed by the *Children's Friend Society*.

We may be told that by thus doing, we fulfil the duties that are binding on parents, and so reward evil doers, indulge sloth and negligence, and afford them leisure for dissipation. But let it be understood, that it is our design, if possible, to guard against such a result, by requiring parents to defray at least, a portion of the expense themselves. True, the kindness may be perverted. So, indeed, is the gospel. Some contend that if the gospel is free, and the chief of sinners are commanded to come to Christ and be saved, "without money and without price," it gives latitude to licentiousness. This is a *perversion* of the gospel. After employing all the prudence and foresight, of which man is capable, instances do, and will occur, where a benefit is misapplied and abused. This is the sin of the receiver, not of the donor. It has been the aim of the Board of Managers, to make a thorough investigation of the cases that have been presented, and to admit such as have appeared to be the most proper subjects.

It may be interesting to the Society, to learn something more definitely respecting its origin and progress ; a few particulars will therefore be laid before you.

In the month of August, 1833, on a Lord's-day, as a lady was passing from public worship through a street in the North part of the city, she saw no less than 17 children of wretched appearance, playing on the side-walk, as though it had been a week day. Her heart was moved at the spectacle. As she reflected on their situation, it occurred to her that these children might be gathered into a Sabbath School, where they would be instructed in the principles of religion, and learn that it was offensive to God their maker, thus to violate his holy day. She made the effort, and with the assistance of a friend or two, commenced a school, that with additional help is continued to this day. The condition of several of the scholars was found to be peculiarly distressing; particularly one little girl of about 6 years. Her father was dead. Her mother shockingly intemperate. The health of the child was so feeble, from want of food and proper care, that she was scarcely able to sit in school, and so completely was she covered with long neglected dirt, that it was difficult to discern what was her true complexion.

Rev. Mr. COLLIER, one of our city Missionaries, was invited to assist in the management of the school. He did so; and visited in the neighbourhood. In his report to the Female Society, (in whose service he was labouring,) in October, 1833, he observes, "It sometimes appears as if every department in the community of want and suffering is met by an appropriate alleviator. But there is one that is extremely destitute, and much exposed to dangerous influences: unprovided for and almost unthought of. I mean *children, whose parents are living, but who act not towards them the part of a parent, &c.* If the ladies in their kindness could devise some plan for their relief, and rescue them from such homes, and place them in a situation of safety, under a proper course of education and improvement, immense good would accrue to such children. I could cite a variety of examples to illustrate the necessity and importance of something being done in relation to this subject."

"One case," he says, (that is the case we have just mentioned,) "pressed so hard upon the feelings of a member of this Society, who was knowing to the situation of a little girl, whose wretched mother was taken to the House of Correction, and the child left in a miserable cellar with an individual perhaps little better than the mother herself, and who merely suffered the poor thing to stay with her because she was houseless; that she, (that is the lady,) led her to her own home, and by the sympathies of a few other kind friends, is encouraged to retain her there still, in hopes that some door may be opened for her reception. But alas! others are in equally distressed circumstances, with none to help them."

This friend in company with Mr. Collier, visited the mother during her imprisonment, and conversed with her respecting the child. She expressed, as she had previously done, a willingness to give up the child, if any one would take her. The facts in the case were made known. The query arose, what can be done? This is not a solitary instance. To relieve *one*, would be doing good; but what must become of others? From conversation with different individuals, it appeared that a number had long felt desirous that an Asylum should be provided for such children. But the work was great. Charitable institutions already were numerous; and it seemed almost presumptuous to think of raising up another that must unavoidably be very expensive. Still an increasing interest was discovered, and it became evident that God was preparing the hearts of his people, to engage in the work. A circular was drawn up, which was submitted to the perusal of judicious individuals, and laid before the "Female Societies for Missionary purposes," at a united meeting, the first Monday in November. The proposition and plan of the Institution were highly approved, and it was judged advisable to invite a meeting of ladies, and see if any thing could be accomplished.

At this juncture, the situation of two interesting little sisters, in a cellar contiguous to the one before mentioned, demanded immediate attention. The youngest, a lovely child, about three years old, was sick; and apparently, must have

died, had she remained in the place, with no better care than was afforded her. The older one was on the verge of moral ruin, unless speedily rescued. Delicacy forbids a full development of their condition at this time. Their mother was dead; their father intemperate; and they left to the care, carelessness, rather, of a woman with whom he boarded. By the kind munificence of Mr. and Mrs. B——, the youngest, with the consent of the father, was received into their family, where she was taken care of and treated with the utmost kindness, for nearly three months. It was at evening, in the month of November, that she was carried from her dismal home. When her sister found she was gone, she wept, and was unwilling to remain without her. The lady who took the child first mentioned, had accompanied Mr. B. and perceiving that this last was so affected, asked if she would go home with her? She gladly assented; and with the father's leave she went. This also was done, in hope that Providence would appear for them. The father engaged to do something towards their board, and trusted a portion of his wages for the purpose. The youngest was subsequently placed with the same friend.

On the 15th of November, a few ladies met; one of whom was requested to draft a Constitution, and some general regulations for the government of a Society, and also of the proposed Institution. Prayers were offered for the blessing and guidance of Heaven; and it was concluded to invite a meeting of a larger number of ladies, on Wednesday morning, the 20th of the same month. This meeting also took place. Prayer was offered. The subject was opened and discussed. A committee was chosen to revise the papers; and to make such arrangements as should be found expedient. The meeting of this committee resulted in the publication of the Circular, and the invitation of a meeting, at the Lecture Room of the Rev. Mr. Malcom's Meeting-house, in Federal Street, December 4, at half past 10, A. M.

The weather was rather unfavourable, but the place was handsomely filled, and much interest was apparent. The meeting was opened with prayer, and a short address by Rev.

Mr. Malcom, followed by remarks from Rev. Messrs. Collier and Barbour, city missionaries, whose office abundantly qualified them to judge of the utility of the undertaking.

The gentlemen having retired, the several documents were read, and the topics discussed. The general opinion being in favour of forming a Society, a board of officers and managers was chosen for the year ensuing.

The Board had its first meeting on the following Friday, and proceeded from time to time to prepare and digest such rules and regulations for the government of the house, as were deemed proper.

We should here acknowledge the kindness of a benevolent gentleman, who offered gratuitously the improvement of a house, (which he intended shortly to take down,) from the early part of January, 1834, to April. This was gratefully accepted; and the three children before mentioned, with two others, were boarded with a small family that removed into it, until the spring.

During the session of the Legislature, a petition was presented for an act of incorporation; which was granted; and the board accepted this act, in due form, on the 25th of March. They had previously, in accordance with the third article of the Constitution, invited fourteen gentlemen, including two approved physicians, to become a Board of Advisers; which invitation was kindly accepted.

A united meeting of the two Boards was held in March, and after conferring on the subject, it was concluded that a house of moderate rent and suitable location, should be hired, and a governess employed to take charge of the children, already cast so providentially into our hands, and such others as our funds should justify us in receiving.

A subscription paper had been circulated, soliciting the patronage of gentlemen, for the direct purpose of paying the rent of a house; and the encouragement, although not adequate to the demand, was such as to warrant the attempt. A house was procured in a pleasant situation and good neighbourhood, at something more than two hundred dollars, on a lease of two years; and entered the 25th of April. The

children were taken to their *home*, and a number more have been admitted. Applications have been numerous; but it has been impracticable to receive all that have been presented. Some, have not been admitted, because in the judgment of the Board, their friends, with proper exertion, could support them. Others have been declined, because it was considered advisable not to admit a case that would seem to give countenance to pernicious example, though a refusal has occasioned a poignancy of feeling in relation to the unoffending child. There have been in all, 29 children taken under care, their ages varying from 3 to 9. The board of one, has been fully paid by the mother, who felt particularly desirous that her son might enjoy the advantages of the Institution; that of a few others has been partially paid by their parents or friends, according to their ability, and the remainder have been supported entirely by the Institution. Two boys and 5 girls have been fully surrendered to the care of the Society, in conformity to the laws of the Constitution.

Six have been provided for by their friends, or dismissed for satisfactory reasons. Twenty-three are now in the family, enjoying the benefits afforded them by the munificence of this Society; and their appearance before you this day, may have served to show that your labour of love, has not been lost upon them. One or two of them, have friends that can provide for them; and it will shortly become the duty of the Board to dismiss them to their care, to make room for destitute applicants, whose friends are anxiously waiting a decision; if indeed a liberal public will furnish the requisite funds. A portion of these children, who were very poor, were nevertheless, decent and cleanly at the time of their admission. But, others!!! could the present company be told the forlorn condition in which they were, when rescued by pity's gentle hand, they then, could more fully appreciate the value of the benefits that have been conferred upon them.

Their improvement, all things taken into the account, is quite equal to what could be expected. Another year, we may hope to see greater proficiency. When we take into view the vast amount of *mind*, that has been and may be withdrawn

from a corrupt and debasing influence, and brought under salutary discipline, with the advantages of a solid education; our bosoms expand with delightful anticipations of the ultimate good that may result from the means employed by this establishment. What is there to forbid the hope, that as industrious and faithful domestics and apprentices, as judicious and useful heads of families, as valuable members of civil society; as bright ornaments of the Christian church; as able and successful missionaries; as wise and honourable statesmen and legislators, as have lived on earth; may be raised up from among the beneficiaries of this charity? God is able to accomplish this. Let the prayers of his people continually ascend for these very things.

As to resources, the report of our Treasurer will show the items, both of receipt and disbursement; by which it will be seen that we have short of two hundred subscribers. Ten of these have paid a life subscription; consequently, on them, we have no further claim. Whether the gentlemen who so kindly subscribed for the payment of rent, will renew their pledge for another year, is not certain. We hope they may be inclined to do so; and we would gladly hope also, that some humane and wealthy friend, has a house in store for us. If so, may we be permitted so far to digress from the order of a *report*, as to say, dear friend, wait not until death has closed the last door upon your remains. Leave not to your executors the luxury of announcing the heart-cheering intelligence that a habitation is provided for the Children's Friend Society, and therefore the unwelcome din of "quarter day," will no longer assail the ear of its patrons. Perform the noble, the enviable deed yourself; and enjoy the solace of *seeing* the doors of your hospitable mansion thrown open for the reception of these houseless ones. And may the blessing of Heaven rest upon you. A gift of this kind, would most essentially aid the Society, and leave its annual income for the support of current expenses. The house now occupied, is full; and should the enterprize succeed, it will be absolutely necessary to have more room; of course the rent must be increased, while we are obliged to hire.

On the evening of April 24, in compliance with a request of the Board, the Rev. Mr. Stow gave an interesting sermon in behalf of the Society, in the Park Street Meeting-house, the object of which, was to introduce the Society to the notice of the public, and to solicit a collection to help its funds. The discourse was founded on the peculiarly appropriate text, Exodus ii. 9. "*Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages.*" The influence of this public meeting was favourable. No thrilling report of good accomplished, could at that time be brought to bear upon the sympathies of the audience. The Society was a stranger. The preacher, therefore, could do little more than spread out the field of labour, and tell what needed and ought to be done; leaving it with his hearers to assist as they should think proper. The collection was \$134 90; as great perhaps, as could be expected, seeing the enterprize was new and untried. We hope that in future, the confidence of the public will have so far increased, that they will be disposed to contribute *bountifully*.

Two Auxiliary Societies have already been formed, that have rendered very seasonable and important assistance, by furnishing clothing for the children, bed-clothes, &c. For these, we ask them to accept our grateful acknowledgments, accompanied by the solicitation of a continuance of their liberality. One of these Societies receives its pecuniary support from the contributions of gentlemen, while the ladies meet together one afternoon or evening in a month, and make up the materials. This plan affords opportunity for a social interview, and at the same time yields the satisfaction of *doing good*. How pleasant will it be to see the drawing rooms in our city, during the winter, graced with such circles! should it be so, we would modestly suggest, that a portion of their funds may be well appropriated, to the purchase of books, or other school apparatus. Such purchases, however, should be made under the direction of the Board of the Parent Society. Otherwise, too much may be expended on the same *kinds* of articles. We would also take the liberty to say, that where small suitable books, have been read in families,

and laid aside, they will be very acceptable here, for the use of the children, and may serve to commence a library.

Individuals have sent donations of various useful and convenient articles of furniture, &c. for which we tender our sincere thanks. We trust that those friends will not be weary in well-doing ; and hope we may be permitted to say to others, without being thought avaricious, that donations of any articles that are serviceable in other families, will be thankfully accepted at the Institution, No. 83, Prince Street. Donations in money, may at any time be left at the house of the Treasurer, No. 47, Allen Street.

Sensible that they are almoners of the bounty of many, the Board have felt it their duty to exercise strict economy in the expenditure of funds ; while they have also believed it to be the wish of the Society, that the family should be made *comfortable* ; agreeably to the injunction of an apostle, "use hospitality without grudging." The expenses, unavoidably, have been considerable.

In discharging the general duties that have devolved upon them, though conscious of their weakness and liability to err, they have *endeavoured* to be faithful, aware that the time is approaching when they must give an account of their stewardship.

We come now, to notice a fact, of a deeply admonitory character. Short as has been our official career, death has been commissioned to come in among us, and remove one, whose loss we feel. Mrs. ANN McLEAN LEE, the President of the Society, deceased, after a short illness, in September last, while absent from the city. We trust she is gone to a better world. Her benevolence and her usefulness, are too well known to need an announcement in this report. Her heart and her purse, were in no common measure at the control of suffering humanity. Impressed like many others, with the idea, that almost every thing was done, that charity could devise, for the relief and benefit of the poor in this city ; she was not aware that an Institution like this was needed. But when the subject was more fully presented to her view, she at once acceded to the propriety of making the

attempt. When it was proposed that she should become its President, her reply was, "If I accept that office, I shall have but one motive; that is, my *name* may have influence with many that are able to contribute to its resources." She is gone! But her *name* will long live in the recollection of her friends. May it produce the desired "influence." Though dead, may she yet speak. And may the numerous associations of which she was an active and useful member, be blessed through the instrumentality of her example, for years to come.

From among a number of affecting cases, we give the following, which will close our report.

"In the month of October last," say two of the members of the Board, "we were requested to call on a family in Brighton Street, in great poverty and suffering. There we found a mother, evidently in the last stages of a consumption, unable to rise from her bed, surrounded by four children, whose ages were from four to eleven. On conversing with her, we found that her greatest trouble was on their account. 'What will become of my children when I am taken away?' This, she was sensible must soon be the case. After having administered to her immediate temporal wants, and pointed her to the Lamb of God as alone able to take away her sins, we proposed to her to place two of them in the Institution of the Children's Friend; explaining to her its design. She expressed much surprise at such a proposition; and after an evident struggle of strong feeling, she desired us to call again in two days, she could not then decide. We called; and in answer to our proposal, she said, 'Take them—take them; and God bless the Institution, and bless the children.' She surrendered them fully to the guardianship of the Society, and they were immediately admitted."

A few weeks afterward, the woman deceased. This was made known to the ladies, though not seasonably to make such arrangements for the funeral as Christian propriety would have dictated. But that the children may always rest satisfied that she is dead, they were led by one of the members of the Board, to the spot. There they saw the cold remains.

They saw them put in the narrow house ; and they saw the porters waiting to hurry them away to their silent lodging place ! But, there they saw no man of God, to offer prayer on their behalf, and commend them to his merciful protection. A few pious females were present, but it was too late to send for a minister. They knelt and supplicated the throne of grace ; while the streaming eyes of these little ones, gave proof of the power of natural affection, even in poverty and rags. It was a *mother* that lay shrouded in that coffin ; not indeed her own, she could not have procured one ; the only property of which she died possessed, was her poor helpless children. Her dying hand had sealed over those too to the charge and beneficence of the *Children's Friend*. Shall they be sustained ? or must they be sealed over again to the vicissitudes of an unfriendly world ? It should be recorded with gratitude, that this individual left a good degree of evidence, that her peace was made with God.

Another case, very similar to this, has occurred since ; the widowed mother, however, is still living, though on the verge of eternity, and in the sweet prospect of heaven. Among several that are this moment waiting to know if they can be received, is a little girl of seven or eight. Her mother deceased eighteen months since, and this child has been boarded out. But her father, after a long and impoverishing illness, died six weeks ago, and the child is destitute. There are, it is true, some connexions who could support her, but *cold-hearted infidelity* has clenched the hand of affluence against this orphan, and she is left to the wide world. The application is made by the paternal grandmother, who is advanced to seventy-three, and well known to several of the Board. She would rejoice to take the child, but is unable. Tell us, dear friends, to day, will *you*, now that father and mother have forsaken her, WILL YOU TAKE HER UP ?

In behalf of the Board,

M. WEBB, *Secretary*.

Boston, November 29, 1834.

*Treasurer's Account Current with the Boston Children's
Friend Society.....Cr.*

By Cash rec'd from 10 Life Subscribers, \$25 each,	\$ 250 00
" " " 194 Annual "	369 00
" " " Donations,	238 60
" " " Collection at Park St. Church,	134 90
" " for Board of Children,	57 75
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	\$1050 25

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To Cash paid for six months House Rent,	\$101 98
" " for the current expenses of the Institution, from its commencement, Dec. 4, 1833,	546 36
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	\$648 34

Balance in the Treasury,.....\$401 91

There are existing demands against the Society, of at least \$125, which will reduce the balance to about \$270. The probable value of articles unconsumed, is from \$90 to \$100. It ought to be known, that the expenses of the Institution have more than doubled the last half year, and are still increasing. It must, therefore, require a powerful effort on the part of its friends, to enable the Treasurer to liquidate the bills.

Respectfully submitted,

D. LEROW, *Treasurer*,

Boston, Dec. 3, 1834.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

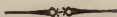
A Lady or Gentleman, subscribing and paying *two dollars* annually, shall be a member. Any person paying *twenty-five dollars* at one time, or in two instalments of \$12½ each, shall be a member for life. Annual membership for children and youth, *one dollar*.

BOSTON

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT,

DECEMBER 2, 1835.



"The poor ye have always with you — do them good."—JESUS.

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor."—Psalm xli. 1.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself."—Luke, x. 27.



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[Several other Ladies will be appointed.]

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CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Second Annual Report.

WHILE reviewing the incidents of the past year, we are constrained to acknowledge that goodness and mercy have followed us; and it becomes us to render thanksgiving and praise to Him who has sustained us thus far. Enough, however, of bitter ingredients have been mingled in our cup, to remind us that the spirit of man, in his present state, is not adapted to a course of uninterrupted prosperity. And the goodness, no less than the wisdom of God, is manifest when he incorporates such proportions of adversity as are calculated to make us *feel our entire dependence on Him*.

The Board, we trust, entered upon the duties of the year with fresh courage, believing that He who had already done so much for them would do still greater things. In this they have not been disappointed.

The first Anniversary Sermon, given by Rev. Mr. Adams, of Essex Street Church, from Isaiah, xl. 11, was productive of a highly salutary influence. In that, the character and designs of the Institution were happily developed; and the propriety and importance of contributing to its support were brought to bear upon the feelings and consciences of the hearers, by arguments that were utterly irresistible. And those arguments were met by a corresponding spirit on their part. The results, by collection and subscriptions, amounted to \$400. This was a very seasonable augmentation of our scanty funds,

It was intimated in our last Report that it probably would become necessary to occupy more house room, as applications for the admission of children were numerous. The Board subsequently resolved, in view of the kind interpositions of Providence in favor of the Institution, to improve the whole of the house as early in the Spring as the part that was then let could be vacated by the occupant. This resolution was, with the approbation of the Board of Advisers, carried into effect during April. The number of children then in was *twenty-six*. It shortly after increased to *thirty-four*, which is the largest number that has been in at any one time. Since the organization of the Society, Dec. 1833, *sixty-six* have been admitted; 25 of whom are now in the house. *Seventeen* of these are supported *in full*. *Two* have been placed in families. Several have been relinquished as unpromising. *Four* have died. The remainder have been provided for in some sort by their relatives, and consequently dismissed to their charge, with the exception of the two little girls of whom mention was made last year as having been surrendered by their *dying mother*. She, with her poor children, had been abandoned by a hard-hearted husband and father, to poverty, sickness, and even death. The two admitted here had been supported several months, when the father appeared again in the city, and having learned where they were, he visited them. He expressed himself pleased with their situation, and also a wish for their continuance. But feeling himself obliged to acknowledge to his "*Confessor*" that they were in a Protestant institution, he was, as we understood, instructed to remove them, or consent to their remaining, subject to being withdrawn at his pleasure. To the latter it was not consistent for the Board to yield; and, as he had no home for them, and made no provision for them elsewhere, it would have been far from humane to give the poor helpless ones over to his control. Still, it was thought improper to retain them, and endure his insolence. Hence it was judged expedient to take them to the house of the "*Bishop*," and leave them in his care. Two of the ladies conducted them thither.

The "Bishop" was from home, but the "Confessor," who was present to act in his stead, forbade their being left. The ladies then took them to the "Sisters of Charity," so called, and there left them. The children wept sorely at being separated from their home and friends; nor was the scene, to them, less painful. It has since been thought advisable to leave that people to provide for their poor from their abundant resources, and to look more immediately to the necessities of our own.

It may not, perhaps, be impertinent, to give some explanation for the information of those friends who are not already acquainted with the regulation of the institution, respecting the *admission of children*. The plan is simply this. A child is received on a full surrender by the parent or guardian, to be provided for, educated and apprenticed; and regarded as a child by its parent, during the whole period of its minority: or, the parent is required to pay towards its support, such amount as his, or her circumstances will permit. In the latter case, no specified time is prescribed for its continuance in the family; though the parent engages to submit to the judgment of the Board, in case of his applying for the child. In various instances, parents have become able to provide for their children at home. This accounts for a diminution of numbers. A few indeed, have expressed a degree of dissatisfaction with some of the general rules respecting the *meals*. It unhappily is the case, in many poor families, that they have no *regular* meals, and therefore think that their children must be feeding the greater part of the day. When they come to be differently situated, and have fixed hours for taking their food, the parents become alarmed, and are fearfully apprehensive that their children suffer. But we believe it is the decided opinion of medical gentlemen, that the old principle, "a little and often," is unsound, and the practice injurious to health. We therefore supply *three comfortable meals a day*, occasionally indulging, particularly the younger children, with something during the intervals. These remarks are made for the reason, that some unfriendly hints have been thrown out, and not a little of un-

grateful effort put forth to establish a rumor that "the children are kept short." We conclude nevertheless, that the Treasurer's bills will settle the question in the minds of our patrons, and fully show that abundant provision is made for the comfort of the family. It is no new thing to hear complaints from those that are most deeply indebted to charity. But we have the pleasure to say, that much gratitude has been expressed by many, whose children have enjoyed the benefits of this Asylum. And not only has it proved beneficial to children; *parents*, have derived advantages. Several interesting instances have occurred, where the parents have been furnished with employment, and placed in situations where they could obtain a comfortable support by the instrumentality of this establishment.

It has been thought by some, that the plan of receiving children as boarders, is liable to *imposition*. Perhaps it is. Still it is viewed by most persons that have looked into the subject, as truly charitable, and admirably adapted to the exigencies of certain families. In proof of this, we advert to a single case. A husband, whose wife is languishing by illness, and partially deprived of her reason, is incapable of attending to her family. His means not allowing him to support a housekeeper, much of his own time must be consumed in trying to supply the places of both father and mother. Thus he must neglect his business; consequently his resources are cut off. This adds to his distresses. He is finally obliged to place his companion in the almshouse, that she may receive better attention than he is able to administer. But his feelings recoil at the idea of putting his *children* there. Under such circumstances, it is a great relief to place them in this institution at a moderate expense, and be at liberty to attend to his occupation. By this means he is enabled to do something for them at present, and at length may have the satisfaction of providing for them a home with himself. Other cases, equally touching, might be stated. Still, as the plan is but an *experiment*, should it be found that the privilege is not duly appreciated, this department of operations can be relinquished, and those only be admitted who are surrendered in full.

We only further say on this point, that if *all* the good is not accomplished, in these cases, that may be where the pupil resides permanently, we may hope that the labor is not *lost*, for we have done "*good as we have had opportunity.*" And, as early instructions although temporary, have often been made a blessing to the recipient; the seed thus sown, if accompanied by the prayer of faith, may hereafter spring up and bear fruit, to life eternal. It seems distressing to let a child suffer because it has a parent. And it seems highly proper that every parent that is able to work, should, so far as he can, support his own children. The design of the Society, in projecting this scheme, was, to *encourage and assist* those who cannot, for obvious reasons, make that provision, without which, their children must essentially suffer.

It has given much pleasure to the ladies of this board, to learn that an institution, upon a plan almost precisely like ours, was, about 20 years since, established by Madam CALAMY, in Switzerland; and that it has proved extensively useful. This fact has appeared the more striking, because we were entirely unacquainted with that establishment, until after ours was in operation. It looks as if the Children's *best Friend*, had directed the minds of individuals wholly unknown to each other, into the same channel of benevolent enterprise; and serves to increase the hope that he will follow the efforts made here, with blessings, similar to those that have rested upon that favored Asylum. But, that we may have just reason to *expect* those blessings, we must exercise the same faith and do the same works, and plead earnestly for the influence of that Spirit, which alone, can produce the effect.

At the commencement of this report, we alluded to trials. Among these, we notice the decease of Dr. WILLIAMS, one of the Physicians of the board, who had rendered many valuable services, professional and otherwise. He was removed at a period, when his life had become especially desirable, not only to his immediate connexions, and to this Society, but to the section of the city in which he resided; and which was the seat of his appropriate and successful labors. But it is

the hand of God that has done this, and it becomes finite creatures to bow with submission. We rejoice that he left decisive evidence that he was prepared for that sinless world where the inhabitants never say, "*I am sick.*"

Under this bereavement, the board have much reason to acknowledge their obligations for the kind and faithful services of Drs. Gregerson and Hayward; the former *attending*, the other *consulting Physician*. An unusual measure of such service has been requisite the past season. It is a well known fact, that several diseases peculiar to children, have been prevalent that do not make their appearance every year. The *whooping cough* existed in the family from the first of April, to August. Fifteen suffered from that complaint, nearly at the same time. One little girl, whose constitution had, previously to her admission, been greatly impaired by exposure and neglect; died in the month of June. In autumn, the *meazles* entered quite unexpectedly; of this, there were 16 cases. Shortly after its appearance, Saturday evening, Oct. 10, about 9 o'clock, a fire took place in the rear of our premises, which laid in ashes a number of buildings and seriously threatened the destruction of this. But by the merciful interposition of Providence and the persevering efforts of the governess, who kept the doors, as much as possible, closed, to prevent the removal of furniture, &c. with the kindly aid of other friends, very little loss was eventually sustained. The teacher, meanwhile, was anxiously engaged in attending to her little affrighted flock, then 31 in number, who clung to her for protection; and such was the apparent danger, that it was thought by gentlemen present, absolutely important to remove them. This, after delaying to what was considered the last point of safety, was effected. Great kindness and sympathy were manifested by families in the neighbourhood, who were in less danger; one of which received 21 of the little destitutes, and others smaller numbers, driven, as it seemed, from their friendly abode to occupy it no more. God ordered otherwise. The progress of the devouring element was arrested; and although much trouble and inconvenience were realized in consequence of the general confusion and the house being

drenched with water, and filled almost to suffocation with smoke &c. it was made as comfortable as possible and the dear children were brought again to their home the next day, (Sabbath.) But it is painful to relate that one interesting little boy took cold, (probably in consequence of being carried out, after having been several hours in bed,) and deceased of lung fever on the following Thursday. Another died of the measles the next week. And the succeeding week, a third, of an inflammatory complaint, after having recovered from the measles. Thus has Infinite Wisdom seen fit to afflict us. But we should sing of mercy as well as of judgment. The measles have proved so uncommonly mortal throughout the city, that it is presumed, that few, if any families or schools of equal numbers, have suffered less; many have lost a much greater proportion.

One thing in relation to the *fire* should be thought of with gratitude. For some length of time the weather had been exceedingly dry. The water of the well had failed, so that it sometimes was impossible to obtain sufficient for the family to drink without sending some distance. A little time previously to the conflagration, a copious rain of a few hours, filled the *cistern*, and to this event, with skillful management, may in great measure, be attributed the preservation of the house.

“Those who are willing to discern providences, never want for providences to discern.”

It is truly grateful to our feelings to remark, that the neighbors, both near and more remote, have shown much kindness toward the institution. Particularly in affording water, when it was difficult to keep a supply even for themselves. We believe it has seldom, if ever, been so long and so extensively dry at this part of the city, as during the past season.

But having obtained help of God, we continue to this time. And notwithstanding that the expenditures have been very considerably augmented in consequence of the sickness, deaths, &c. God has been pleased to open ways of which we could not have thought, to supply our need.

The Auxiliary Society has been liberal in furnishing clothing for the children who are supported in full. A number of

garments also, were presented by the Superintendant of a Charity School,* some months since. This was a pleasing circumstance. The design of the school, was to instruct poor children in *sewing*, that were unable to pay for private schooling. The materials were given by individuals and made up by those scholars. Thus, while they were receiving gratuitous instruction, they were conveying a gratuity to others.

A young lady, assisted by a few juvenile friends, has furnished the "Youth's Companion" for the current year. Another lady has advanced the payment for the "Sabbath School Treasury," for the ensuing year. The "Christian Watchman" is supplied by its publisher. The "Temperance Tales" and other books, have been communicated by different friends for the library. Other donations, of various kinds have been thankfully received. We mention particularly, the receipt of \$100 from a young gentleman. \$106 from the young ladies of the Newton Seminary, being the proceeds of the industry and efforts of their "sewing circle," during the early term at that institution, the past summer. A juvenile society attached to the Baldwin Place congregation, have made two ladies life members, by the payment of \$50. And a lady of the Franklin Church has constituted her pastor and his lady, life-members, by the same sum. These indications of regard for the interests of the institution, are heart-cheering. It is peculiarly gratifying to see our *youthful* friends coming forward to our assistance. *They* may live, perhaps, to see the fruit of our toils, when we shall be reposing in our graves. *They* may take up the work when we shall lay it down; and pass it over again to other hands. We will therefore avail ourselves of this opportunity to charge them, to fulfil with all fidelity, the engagements which their predecessors have made in relation to those defenceless ones, whom we may leave in their care.

Respecting the appearance and behaviour of the children and the order of the house; those friends who have visited can judge for themselves. They have enjoyed the kind and faithful care of governess and teacher; as well as the unre-

* Collected by Rev. Mr. COLLIER;

mitted attention of the managers. The several seasons of sickness have broken in somewhat upon the regular course of instruction; but generally, the school has been attended twice a day during the week; and appropriate Sabbath School exercises on Lord's days. Two young gentlemen, have recently taken a very active part in those exercises, as superintendent and teacher. The school is organized in due form; and consists of four classes, two male and two female teachers; one of whom is the permanent teacher. The children that are of suitable age attend public worship, accompanied by a governess, at Rev. Mr. Blagden's, where they have been very kindly accommodated with seats.

For some months past, Rev. Mr. Collier has conducted family worship on Wednesday evenings. He also officiated on the funeral occasions, and repeatedly prayed by the sick.

We now beg the indulgence of our friends, while we express the hope that they will not be weary with our continually calling on them. The cause is a good cause. To expand and cultivate the infant mind, and point it forward with the desire of promoting, not the happiness of an individual merely, but it may of thousands, is a work of no inferior order. Mind too, that without culture, or matured under a vicious influence, would cast a mighty weight into the scale of wretchedness! We have indeed, had much to try us. But did we not expect trials? Let us be thankful that they have been no greater. Let us be comforted, if the institution, young as it is, has been the instrument of mitigating distress and suffering; particularly, of sustaining through the last conflict, those little ones, whose ransomed spirits we hope through grace to meet in a brighter world, purified and *made white in the blood of the Lamb*.

May we suitably improve the dispensations of Providence, and may the Holy Spirit be poured upon us in rich effusion. The eye of God is evidently upon this labour of love. We have put our hand to the enterprise, and *must not withdraw it*.

By order and in behalf of the Board,

Boston, Nov. 28, 1835.

M. WEBB, Sec'y.

**The Treasurer's Account Current with the Boston
Children's Friend Society.....Cr.**

By Cash rec'd of 19 Life Subscribers,	\$425 00
“ “ at the Anniversary Meeting, &c. ..	119 01
“ “ of 350 Annual Subscribers,	568 00
“ “ “ Donors,	346 53
“ “ for Board of Children, &c.	195 74
“ “ “ Rents,	105 05
“ “ “ Interest on Money Loaned,	18 50
“ Balance on hand Dec. 5th, 1834,	393 54
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	\$2171 37

Dr.

To Cash paid for the Current Expenses of the Institution from Dec. 3, 1834, to Dec. 2, 1835,	1712 76
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Dec. 2, 1835. Balance on hand,	\$458 61
There are outstanding Debts against the Society, of nearly or quite	200 00
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Which will reduce the Balance to	\$258 61

The value of unconsumed articles is about \$100.

All which is Respectfully Submitted,

D. LEROW, *Treasurer.*

Boston, Dec. 2, 1835.

Having examined the Account of the Treasurer of the Boston Children's Friend Society, for the past year, I find it well vouched, and correctly cast, leaving in the Treasurer's hands a Balance of \$458 61.

JNO. B. JONES, *Auditor.*

Terms of Membership.

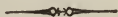
A Lady or Gentleman subscribing and paying \$2 annually, is a Member; paying \$25 at one time, or in two instalments of \$12½ each, a Member for Life. Annual Membership for Children or Youth, \$1.

BOSTON

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT,

DECEMBER 7, 1836.



"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."—Deuteronomy vi. 6, 7.

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."—1 Timothy vi. 17, 18, 19.

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1836.

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Doct. JAMES B. GREGERSON, *Attending.*

Doct. GEORGE HAYWARD, *Consulting.*

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[Several other Ladies will be appointed.]

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BOSTON

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Third Annual Report.

"WHAT shall I render unto the Lord, for all his benefits toward me?" was the grateful effusion that poured from the full heart of the pious psalmist. And what is more becoming an individual, or an associated body, than a thankful acknowledgement of favors received, and a corresponding disposition to act in accordance with the obligations conferred? Gratitude, surely, is one of the most delicate and most desirable emotions of the human breast. It is in itself, an invaluable blessing; for the very exercise, often contributes as much to our happiness, as does the kindness that calls it forth. To cultivate this spirit, then, "is wise in man."

With something, we trust, of this principle in our hearts, the Board of Managers attempt to lay before the Society and its friends, a brief summary of such events, as will, we hope, inspire them with kindred feelings; especially, as we bear in remembrance the tremulous throbbings which agitated our bosoms, when first we ventured to propose the establishment of this Institution.

The Anniversary Sermon, by Rev. Mr. BLAGDEN, was founded on 1 Cor. xii. 20. "*But now are they many members, yet but one body.*" The leading design, in this discourse, was, to "show the bearing that benevolent religious institutions, have upon the church of Christ." The MISSIONARY enterprise, was considered "the *zenith* of moral grandeur." Next to that, the preacher "would claim a standing for the Children's Friend and similar Associations, because they imbibe so fully the same spirit." On such hallowed ground, we respond, may it remain, until its charities shall be no longer needed. The pecuniary avails of that occasion, including collection and new subscriptions, were \$220.

One little incident, we observe with pleasure. A young lady whose health did not permit her to attend the meeting, the weather being unpleasant, resolved not to be *useless* at home. She therefore proposed that the absentees in that family, should contribute their mite on the spot. To this they cheerfully assented, and the product was \$13 50, which was subsequently thrown into the amount expressed above. How many tributary streams might be brought to flow into channels of benevolence, if every young lady "did what she could" to direct them thither.

Shortly after the anniversary, by the efforts and contributions of individuals, connected with their several congregations, Rev. Messrs. Hague, Stow and Ide, with their ladies; and the ladies of Rev. Messrs. Adams and Blagden, were constituted life-members, by the payment of \$25, for each. Others have paid the same sum for themselves, making the number of such members during the last year, as appears by the Treasurer's Report, 17. It may not be amiss to record, that one lady paid her subscription from a deposit previously made in the Savings Bank, in favor of a little son, whom God has been pleased since to remove beyond the wants of this lower world. An interesting monument this, to his memory.

We are by no means disposed to overlook a number of donations, smaller than those we have noticed. We recollect that the globe itself, is composed of minute particles. But we confess it affords us peculiar satisfaction to announce the receipt of the following sums, viz. From a lady, \$200. Legacy from Mrs. Nathaniel R. Cobb, \$500. Three several donations, from Theodore Lyman, Esq. amounting to \$1100. Grateful, indeed, must it be to a generous heart, to be able to contribute thus liberally. We *did believe* that "the silver and the gold were the Lord's," and we knew that he could open the hearts of their possessors to pour them out. He has done so; and we desire this day, to render to *Him* our *thank-offering*.

The \$200, from a lady, is expressly appropriated by the donor, to the purchase of real estate. It will not indeed,

build us a house ; but it may lay the corner-stone of a mansion, the completion of which, will cause many to shout for joy ; for then, the Children's Friend, will have a home of its own. We therefore are happy in having it in our power to say, that we have the commencement of a *building fund* ; and whosoever may be disposed to contribute to its enlargement either by donation or bequest, however small, will confer a special benefit. It is well known that house-rent is a moth that is continually feeding.

The Auxiliary Society continues to render its highly useful services, in furnishing much of the clothing for the children ; and various individuals have presented garments, new and second-hand, besides other useful articles. A variety of books have been added to the library, which afford both instruction and amusement for the children. The Sabbath School Library, likewise, has been replenished by the munificence of friends. It now contains many appropriate little volumes. This domestic Sabbath School, continues to be sustained, and we gratefully acknowledge the kind services of those engaged in its instruction.

Rev. Mr. Collier, still makes his weekly visits, concerning which, in his report to the Society he serves as a City Missionary, he says,

"I attend a Bible lesson and devotional exercises weekly, at the house of the Children's Friend Society, in Prince Street, (83.) Out of forty children there, thirty-six repeated the first Psalm very well. Their governess takes great pains with them, and has learned portions of the Psalms to some who did not, at the time, even know their letters ; and to quite a number who cannot read, by her care and perseverance in oral instruction. I have given to that Institution six Bibles, which I procured from the Female Bible Society."

The daily school is conducted as heretofore, by the resident teacher. The improvement of the children in needle work and other branches, has been highly gratifying. Besides the making and mending for the family, some sewing has been taken in, which has been satisfactorily performed. It is hoped, that in future, this may be done to a greater extent.

The general arrangements of the house and the domestic concerns, have been regulated much to the satisfaction of the managers.

At the close of the last year, there were 25 children in the family ; thirty-nine have since been admitted. (10 of which are supported in full.) Fourteen have been dismissed to parents or guardians ; two placed at service, and two have died. Forty-six remain. Total supported in full by the Institution, 26. Rather over one hundred have enjoyed the benefits of the Institution, since its origin.

One of the deceased, was the little girl who sung the "Orphan's Hymn" so interestingly, though feebly, at our last annual meeting. She was about eight years old. A slow consumption, had undoubtedly preyed upon her constitution from her infancy. But she was industrious, studious and neat. She expressed an affectionate remembrance of her departed relatives, (for she was the last of a family,) and much affection for those, also, who had the care of her and administered to her wants. She was kindly told of Jesus, as alone able to save her ; and unto him we commended her immortal spirit. We shall hear the sweet warbling of her melodious voice no more on earth ! But if washed in the blood of the Lamb, we may hope to meet her in a happier state. The other deceased child, was a boy of about four.

Although in so large a family of children, it must be expected that sickness will frequently occur ; yet we have cause for thankfulness that there has been much less, than in the year preceding. Still, the draft upon the time and services of our physicians, has been considerable. During the absence of Dr. Gregerson, for Europe, the prompt and efficient services of Dr. E. W. Leach, were kindly rendered. For the many and various kindnesses of our friends, the thanks of the Board, are respectfully tendered.

We would also express our gratitude to God, that during the past year, no death has occurred among the members of the Board ; whereas in the first year, our President ; and in the second, one of our Physicians, was removed to the land of silence.

In view of all that has now been said, and of much more that is recollected, have we not abundant reason to "thank God and take renewed courage?" True, the expenses of the Institution are large, and the necessity of repeating our solicitations for the support of our friends, will continue. The cares and responsibilities of managing its concerns, are increasingly weighty. The eternal interests of the objects of our solicitude, render the charge solemn and momentous! But when we consider that a *neglect* of those duties and of their immortal interests, imposes a still greater degree of responsibility; and that God is able to make all grace abound to those who desire to be in the faithful discharge of duty; the incitement, to go forward, relying on him for strength, preponderates. Not to make a display of what *we* can do; not to seek the praise of men; not merely to render some of our fellow-beings comfortable and happy for a few short years; but to perform what the LORD would have us to do; to plead for the renewing influence of the Holy Spirit; to be made instrumental of *saving souls*; let us be willing to labor and not faint. For should every external duty be fulfilled with the utmost exactness, should every want be supplied, every pain soothed, every comfort administered till death; and the lifeless remains then be laid away with maternal tenderness and respect; we shall fall short of the most important object of the Institution, if *souls are not converted to God*. This *blessing* is his, the means of obtaining it, are ours. He says he "will be inquired of." *Ask* and ye shall receive. He is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those that ask him, than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children. Let *his glory* and the *salvation* of this dear household, be the *governing motive*, and nothing is to be feared, nothing should dishearten.

By order and in behalf of the Board,

M. WEBB, *late Secretary.*

Boston, Dec. 2, 1836.

**The Treasurer's Account Current with the Boston
Children's Friend Society.....Cr.**

By Cash, (the balance,) on hand, Dec. 2, 1835,	\$458 61
“ Collection at the Anniversary Meeting, Dec. 20, 1835,	123 50
“ Donations,	1365 00
“ 17 Life Subscribers,	450 00
“ 350 Annual Subscribers,	574 00
“ for the Board of Children, &c.	462 87
“ for Rent of Stable,	33 00
“ for Interest on Money Loaned,	70 08
“ the Bequest of the late Mrs. N. R. Cobb,	500 00
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	\$4037 06

Dr.

To Cash paid for the Current Expenses of the In-
stitution from Dec. 2, 1835, to Dec. 6, 1836, \$1956 08

Dec. 6, 1836. Balance in the Treasury, \$2080 98

Value of unconsumed articles, about \$120.

Which is respectfully submitted by

D. LEROW, *Treasurer.*

This certifies, that we have examined the foregoing ac-
count, and find the same well vouched, and correctly cast.
leaving in the Treasurer's hands a balance of \$2080 98.

J. C. PROCTOR, } *Auditors.*
MOSES POND, }

Terms of Membership.

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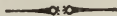
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CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT,

DECEMBER 6, 1837.



“When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take
me up.”—Psalms.



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The Institution is located at No. 83, Prince Street, near Charles-town Bridge, and now contains about fifty children.

Donations in money, goods, provisions, clothing, &c. &c. will be very gratefully accepted.

The thanks of the Board are respectfully tendered to the Auxiliary Societies, and to individuals who have generously aided them.

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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Board, in presenting its Fourth Annual Report, deem it proper to remind the contributors of the nature of the charity which their liberality supports. They do this, from a persuasion that the tendency of the age is to divide, rather than to concentrate the energies of the open-handed. The multiplication of Societies has led many to doubt the expediency of any, and to institute the inquiry, "are not all Societies the patrons of indolence and intemperance?" At any other time than the present, we should scarcely have thought these suggestions worthy of our notice. That the feelings implanted within us by an intelligent Creator for wise purposes, may sometimes, by our narrow conceptions, be misdirected, we admit; that our natural impulses, lead us sometimes to contribute

to objects unworthy of our charity, is a self-evident truth. Our Society grew out of the wants of the time when it was first formed. Its patrons and founders in reviewing the charities of our city perceived, that though they could boast of its Hospitals for the Sick, its Asylums for the Insane, the Blind and Orphan, for the Child, subject to that moral pestilence which is worse than disease or death, there was no refuge provided. They earnestly desired that some benevolent plan, to rescue children from intemperate and vicious parents, and make them useful and respectable members of society, might be adopted. But, the reflection, that almost numberless institutions then existed, which were drawing heavily upon the charities of the Benevolent, deterred them for a season from making this new attempt. But, the suffering condition of many children constrained them to make a direct appeal to Humanity. That appeal was made, heard, and answered in such a manner, that the results have been most satisfactory to every one who had felt pity for the worse than orphan children who had called for this new effort.

In addition to the class of children already referred to, several poor widows and other parents in more distressed circumstances, unable to support themselves and superintend their children, have committed them to the care of this Society, paying a small sum for their board. This mode of dispensing your charity, has in many instances been of very great assistance, to worthy but suffering mothers, who felt that the evil to which their children was exposed during their absence from them, was worse than starvation.

We might allude to particular cases, which would not fail to excite a thrilling interest in all present; we might tell you of the *babe*, but two years of age, creeping from its *natural* hiding place, to escape the blows of an intemperate mother; should we not rather say *monster*! We might point to *one* among the happy group before you, who, for weeks after her entrance into the Children's Home, could not forget her brutal father; whose cries, in her sleep, supplicating him "to beat her no more with the black-bottle," affected all within hearing. We might show you marks of violence, that would cause you to turn

heart-sick away. But we forbear, knowing that such scenes are too familiar with most present, to need repetition.

The Anniversary Sermon before this Society, was delivered by Rev. Dr. SHARP. The text selected by the preacher was the reason assigned by the prophet Moses, if there were a poor man among them, why they should not harden their hearts or shut their hands; "For the poor shall never cease out of the land." The argument was conclusive, that though nations had appeared and disappeared on the earth, and ages had passed, since the ancient prophet of Israel had uttered these sentiments, still the inequalities of condition were the same now as in the days of Moses.

At the close of the last year, there were 46 in the Institution; since admitted, 20; dismissed, 21; one has died. Total supported by the Institution, 44. Males 12; females 32. Since its formation, 130 have received the benefit of this Institution.

The School has continued to receive that attention from the Board which its importance requires. Aware, that learning was not the only requisite for a Teacher in such an Institution as this, they have endeavored

to select pious and amiable as well as intelligent Females. The children are taught the common branches of an English education, such as Orthography, Reading, Writing, Geography, &c. In addition to the mending and necessary sewing for the family, they have been in the habit of taking in plain sewing.

The Sabbath School, under the superintendence of Mr. JONES, is interesting; and we cannot but hope that good may result from his disinterested labors. Besides this, Rev. Mr. COLLIER attends Bible Lessons and other devotional exercises, on every Wednesday, at the house. There are Libraries connected with the Sabbath and Day Schools, which add much to the instruction and entertainment of the children. Through the kindness and liberality of friends, some additions have been made to the Library during the past year.

The internal arrangements of the house are under the immediate direction of a matron, subject to the supervision of a visiting Committee, appointed from and by the Board. It is her duty to watch over the general interests of the house, and as nearly as possible to supply the place of

mother, to those entrusted to her care. Their health, morals and knowledge of domestic affairs, are her particular province.

In a family of fifty children, it would naturally be expected, that there would be much illness and frequent calls upon the physicians' time. Such has, however, during the past year, not been the case. But one death has occurred, that of William Ackerman, an orphan, aged four years, who died of consumption, May 24. No better comment on the course of regimen and diet, pursued in the Institution, from its formation, is needed, than the history of the diseases of the children for the past four years. Taken, as many are, from the lowest haunts of misery, with constitutions hereditarily diseased, scantily fed, and still more scantily clothed, we consider it matter of deep thankfulness, that so good a degree of health has prevailed.

We would here notice the regret, with which we received the resignation of our former Secretary, who from the organization of this Society, had devoted much of her time and talents to its advancement; but, though deprived of her valuable assistance in our monthly meetings, we have the

pleasurable consciousness that her influence is still exerted for us.

We would also remember with gratitude to Almighty God, that during the past two years, no death has occurred in the Board; but, while we feel grateful that our lives have been continued, we remember that one,* who had evinced a *deep* interest in the welfare of this Society, has been taken from us; for a time, our hearts were saddened, but the belief that our loss is her gain, reconciles us to the change. We trust, that the warning, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh," may not be lost upon us.

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the North wind's breath,
And stars to set—but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, oh! Death!"

The Auxiliary Society continues to render its efficient aid in providing clothing for the children.

By referring to the Treasurer's Report, it will be observed, that the receipts of the past year, have been smaller than those of the year preceding. The amount receiv-

* Mrs. HEMAN LINCOLN.

ed from Subscribers and Life-Members having diminished one half. As regards the Building Fund, we can only say as we did last year, "we have the *commencement* of one;" the additions since, have been very small; this we expected; but we are confidently anticipating the time when we shall have a building of our own, remembering the assurance that "if we ask we shall receive."

In reviewing the financial concerns of this Institution, we are not discouraged, neither do we think that the appeal of Moses is to be disregarded. Causes which have produced so great a commercial distress, could not fail to affect the funds of this Association; had it been confined to one class of the community, we might have feared that some, formerly interested in its welfare, had forgotten us.

Although our donors have not been numerous, still it gives us pleasure to record the contributions of one, who may *literally* be termed, the "Children's Friend," THEODORE LYMAN, Esq. whose name has so often appeared on the list of benefactors. We have also received repeated donations of clothing from a member of this

Society, whose heart is ever alive to the wants of the suffering, whose hand is ever ready to assist the distressed. But we can offer her no thanks, equal to those of her *own* heart when she looks around upon the recipients of her bounty.

Small sums of money have been contributed by different individuals, also many articles of furniture, clothing, &c. May all who have thus contributed, whether it has been from their affluence, or from a mere competency, feel that "Charity is twice blessed, blessing him that gives as well as takes."

In behalf of the Board,

E. W. GREGERSON, *Sec'ry.*

**The Treasurer's Account Current with the Boston
Children's Friend Society.....Cr.**

By Cash on hand, Dec. 6, 1836,	\$ 2080 98
“ collected at their Anniversary meeting, Dec. 18, 1836,	160 00
“ received of Donors,	323 87
“ “ of 350 Annual Subscribers, ..	469 50
“ “ of 2 Life “ ..	50 00
“ “ for the Board of Children,	322 02
“ “ “ Rent of Stable,	63 91
“ “ for Interest on Money Loaned,	127 92
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	\$ 3598 20

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To Cash paid for the Current Expenses of the In- stitution, from Dec. 6, 1836, to Dec. 5, 1837,	\$ 1943 47
Leaving in the Treasury,	1654 73
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	\$ 3598 20

Our Building Fund, which is included in the above balance in the Treasury, of	1654 73
Amounts, together with the Interest added, to ..	231 25
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Leaving our available Fund	\$ 1423 48

It will be perceived, that our expenses have ex-
ceeded the receipts of the past year, \$ 426 25

D. LEROW, *Treasurer.*

‘ *Boston, Dec. 5, 1837.*

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing Ac-
count, and find the same well vouched, and correctly cast,
leaving in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of sixteen
hundred fifty-four dollars, seventy-three cents.

J. C. PROCTOR, } *Auditors.*
MOSES POND, }

CONSTITUTION.

Agreeably to a public invitation, a meeting was held at the Lecture Room of the Rev. Mr. MALCOM's Meeting-house, on Wednesday morning, December 4, 1833, when the following Constitution was adopted.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Society shall be known and designated by the name of the **Boston Children's Friend Society**, the objects of which, are expressed in the preceding Circular; and which shall consist of both males and females.

ARTICLE II.

A Lady or Gentleman, subscribing and paying *two dollars* annually, shall be a member. Any person paying *twenty-five dollars* at one time, or in two instalments of \$12½ each, shall be a member for life. Annual membership for children and youth, one dollar.

ARTICLE III.

The Society shall annually make choice of a Board of Ladies to manage the affairs of the Institution; by whom a Board of Advisers shall be elected, consisting of Gentlemen, who are subscribers or donors; the number of which shall be determined as occasion may require.

ARTICLE IV.

A President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Managers, shall constitute the Board of

Ladies; who shall appoint such number of Collectors as they may find expedient. They shall likewise have power to fill vacancies that may occur in either department, and to appoint the Governesses.

ARTICLE V.

The respective officers thus chosen, will be expected to fulfil their appropriate official duties. No monies shall be paid out of the Treasury, but by a written order from the President, or a Vice President; and the Treasurer shall exhibit at every annual meeting, or oftener, if requested, an account current of all receipts and disbursements, together with the amount of the balance on hand. And whenever the funds shall have amounted to the sum of two thousand dollars, she shall be required to give bonds.

ARTICLE VI.

The annual meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday in December, at half past ten o'clock, at such place as the Board may assign, of which the Secretary shall give public notice. The meetings of the Society and of the Board, shall always be opened by prayer.

ARTICLE VII.

The Board shall meet regularly for the transaction of business, on the first Friday in every month, at half past ten, A. M. at the Society's House; and may hold extra meetings whenever it may be requisite, at the call of the President, or in her absence, of a Vice President, with the concurrence of two other members of the Board. Any number of the officers and managers present at a regular meeting, shall be competent to proceed to business in fifteen minutes after the appointed hour.

ARTICLE VIII.

A Committee of two Ladies shall be appointed at each monthly meeting, to visit the Institution once or more every week, to inspect the House; to see that suitable provision is made for the support and instruction of the family; to confer with the Governess, and, if needful, with the Advisers, relative to the best plans and methods of promoting the interests of the establishment; to encourage good behaviour, neatness, industry, &c. in the children; with whatever duties may arise from existing circumstances; and report at the meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE IX.

Any member of the Society may present the case of a needy child; and if, after the necessary inquiries, it appears in the opinion of the visiting Committee and the Governess, to be a proper object of the charity, and the funds are adequate, it may be immediately admitted into the house, and await a further decision of the case, at the monthly meeting.

The gratuitous professional services of one or more approved Physicians, will be gratefully accepted by a vote of the Board.

ARTICLE X.

Any member has a right to withdraw from the Society, by signifying such a wish to the Secretary or the Treasurer; but is obligated to pay assessments, until the desire to withdraw is made known.

ARTICLE XI.

Amendments may be made in this Constitution, by the voice of a majority of the members present at an annual meeting.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That ANN LEE, MARGARET D. BALDWIN, PHEBE H. LINSLEY, SUSAN D. REYNOLDS, and MARY WEBB, with their associates and successors, are hereby incorporated by the name of the Boston Children's Friend Society, for the purpose of providing for the support and education of Indigent Children of both sexes, not otherwise provided for, and who, for want of paternal care, are in a suffering and dangerous condition.*

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, That said Corporation may receive and take by purchase, grant, devise, bequest or donation, any real or personal property, and hold the same for the purposes aforesaid, and may manage and dispose of the same according to their discretion, provided, that, the whole amount of the real and personal property held and possessed by the said Corporation shall never exceed in value at any one time, the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars.*

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, That RICHARD FLETCHER, JOHN TAPPAN, JOHN B. JONES, BENJAMIN SMITH, DANIEL NOYES, JOHN C. PROCTOR, SAMUEL H. WALLEY, Jr. MOSES POND, GEORGE DENNY, BENJAMIN PERKINS, EBENEZER HAYWARD, and BENJAMIN HOWARD, and their successors, are hereby constituted a Board of Advisers, to co-operate with, and assist the Officers and Managers of said Boston Children's Friend Society, in promoting the benevolent purposes aforesaid.*

House of Representatives, March 8, 1834, passed to be enacted.

W. R. CALHOUN, *Speaker.*

In Senate, March 11, 1834, passed to be enacted.

B. F. PICKMAN, *President.*

March 11, 1834, approved,

JOHN DAVIS.

A Copy. Attest,

EDWARD D. BANGS, *Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

GOVERNMENT.

THE family shall be under the immediate care and management of a Governess and Assistant, or Assistants, who shall be persons of sound piety and virtuous example, chosen and appointed by the Board of Direction.

It shall be the duty of the Principal, to superintend all the internal affairs of the Institution, and, with the advice of the Board, to make arrangements respecting the appropriate duties of the assistants; to keep a fair and accurate account of all the provisions, goods, &c. that she may receive into the house; of all the articles she may be authorized to purchase, or payments she may make on behalf of the Board; to be careful that nothing is wasted or misused, and once a quarter, to render an estimate of whatever may remain on hand.

She will be expected to keep a record of the names and ages of all the children that are committed to her care, their parent's names and places of birth, so nearly as can be ascertained, with any other circumstances relating to the children that may be interesting. She will preserve general order, industry, neatness, frugality and economy; see that the food, and clothing, and lodging are comfortable and sufficient; and that proper care is exercised in cases of sickness. She will further see that the requisite instructions are regularly and kindly imparted, and by a mild and affectionate exhibition of ma-

ternal regard, endeavour to gain the respect and esteem of her pupils, and to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

She will maintain family worship, strictly observe the Lord's-day, and daily afford such religious instruction as they may be capable of receiving, and as shall be adapted, with the blessing of God, to qualify them to become useful in the present life, and happy in the life to come.

An entire unanimity of feeling and action should be preserved in the management of the family, by those to whose care it is committed. The slightest appearance of the contrary, would have an unhappy influence on the children.

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN.

In the admission of children, care should be taken that none be received, but such as are proper subjects. Their education, and preparation for usefulness and respectability, as well as their rescue from exposure to vice and suffering, being a leading motive in this labour of love, some regard should be had to children of promise in point of *intellect*. And as this Institution will differ essentially from an alms-house or hospital, it will be advisable not to admit any that are laboring under diseases that are likely to affect the general health of the others.

The ages of the children at the time of their admission into the family, and also of their dismissal to other situations, may vary. But the Board will exercise a guardianship over those who are fully given up to its protection, (should their conduct be good,) until they arrive at the age of twenty-one; maintaining a paternal care for them, and endeavoring to promote their welfare and happiness. The parents of such, if they have any, will be required to give up the children by a written or print-

ed agreement to the guardianship and management of the Board, agreeably to the form of surrender annexed to these regulations.

The Girls, after having gone through such a course of instruction as they are adapted to receive, and their capacities having so far developed themselves as to discover their taste and ability for employment, suitable situations shall be sought for them, where they may become qualified to obtain a respectable and comfortable support for themselves, until the age of eighteen, or marriage within that age.

After the age of eighteen, they shall receive all the avails of their own earnings, with the advice and assistance of the Board, as to the best mode of improving such earnings, until they are twenty-one. They will thus be as advantageously situated as are young persons whose parents are able and willing to oversee and direct them, while they support themselves by their own industry; no one having a right to demand any portion of their wages, from eighteen to twenty-one.

Previously to eighteen, or marriage within that age, they will be provided for, (if they prove worthy,) either in the Institution, or in such family, or at such occupation as they may be placed by the Board. And in case of the decease of those under whose care they are placed, or of treatment by them, which is inconsistent with the obligations expressed in the Indentures, the Board reserves to itself the power of transferring the indentures to another individual.

The Boys, at the age of seven or eight, (earlier if needful,) will be under the immediate care and direction of the Board of Gentlemen; who will pursue a course, corresponding with that followed in reference to the girls; (the ladies still exerting a maternal watchfulness and influence over them,) until they become of age.

Should any child prove *incorrigible*, or utterly *incapable* of being prepared to obtain a livelihood, it shall be kindly and equitably dealt by, and be disposed of, as circumstances shall dictate to be right and proper.

The Board, in certain cases, may permit individuals to remain in the family during the whole term of their minority, when by so doing, they may be rendered more useful to the Institution and to themselves.

OF PARENTS OR FRIENDS,

Who may wish to place a Child in the Institution, at their own expense, either in whole or in part.

As this Institution is by no means intended to countenance vice, or indolence, or to release parents from the obligations which the great Creator has laid upon them to support and educate their children; but rather is designed to *assist* them in the more faithful discharge of those high and important duties; it shall be required of those who may wish to avail themselves of these advantages, and *have it within their power*, to pay such sum per week, or month, as shall be judged reasonable and proper according to circumstances, by a committee appointed for that purpose; and the parents or friends shall sign a written or printed agreement that they will give up the child or children, entirely to the care, guardianship and management of the Board, to be governed by the same rules and regulations as are those who are fully adopted, so long as they remain in the house.

If a parent or friend who, either in whole or in part defrays the expenses of a child, wishes to remove it from the Institution, he or she must give notice to the Governess, or to the Visiting Managers, whose duty it shall be to examine into the circumstances of the case, and report to the Board, or to the Standing Committee. If it appear safe and proper, and that the child will be

suitably provided for, it may be dismissed by a vote of the Board or of the Committee, as shall be determined by the Board ; which vote shall be recorded, with such items of the case as may be requisite.

If upon examination, there is reason to apprehend that a removal will be hazardous to the morals of the child, such course shall be pursued as prudence shall dictate, and as shall be conformable to the principles contained in the surrender of the child to the charge of the Institution.

Any person of good moral character, who fully pays the board of a child, may withdraw it at pleasure.

If it should be found, after a residence of a few months, that any child whose board is wholly or partially paid, is not a suitable subject for the Institution, the Board shall have the right to dismiss it to the parent or friend who surrendered it ; or with the consent of such friend, to make other provision for the child.

MANAGEMENT AND INSTRUCTION.

The glory of God, the salvation of souls, the prevention of pauperism and crime, and the moral and civil order of society, are the great objects which the *Children's Friend Society* have in view ; and for the accomplishment of which, as instruments, they are willing to labour. Conscious that they are entirely dependent on the blessing of God and the gracious operations of his Holy Spirit, to render the means efficacious, they have engaged in this important work. And as the religious and moral culture of those infant and untutored minds, forms the basis on which rests their hope of success, they consider the duties of the Governess as arduous and binding. She will be expected to take the following items, as the model of her course of instructions and management.

She will teach them that the Holy Scriptures are the word of God, and that they are bound to love him with all their heart, and to believe and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. That they are accountable to him for all their words and actions; that he requires them to pay a sacred regard to *truth*, *honesty* and every other moral duty. She will endeavour to mould their dispositions to habits of obedience and respect to superiors, of kindness and affection for equals, and of tenderness and sympathy for those who are less favoured than themselves; and to honour the *aged*, whether rich or poor. The duty and advantages of *self-government*, of prompt submission to *family government*, and the faithful improvement of *time*, will be set before them in a pleasing and interesting manner, and enforced and illustrated by Scripture examples.

SCHOOLING, EMPLOYMENT, &c.

They shall be taught Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar, Needle-work and House-work, agreeably to the ages, capacities and sex of the pupils. Those who are old enough, shall mend and keep in order their own clothes, and by weekly rotation, assist in the domestic business of the family. They shall likewise assist in taking care of the younger children, that by administering little kindnesses and attentions to them, they may become qualified for the exercise of more enlarged duties of a similar nature in after life.

Whenever circumstances shall justify the measure, a suitable person may be employed to instruct them in the necessary and important art of *Cookery*; a branch of female education so essential to the comfort and prosperity of families.

If the weather permit, they shall regularly attend public worship on the Lord's-day, at such place as the Board

shall direct; and in the intervals of worship, the time shall be improved in reading or hearing read the Scriptures, and other suitable books, singing hymns, &c. &c. that the day may be rendered happy and its return desirable. On week days, suitable hours shall be allowed for recreation, and regular hours for school.

The Governess shall not allow any child to be absent from the house, without special permission in writing, from one of the Board.

No relative or acquaintance of any child belonging to the Institution shall interfere in the management of such child, or be permitted to visit him, or her, without the presence of a governess, nor shall more than two of the same family visit any child at the same time, (and never on the Lord's-day,) except in cases of sickness.

ACCOMMODATIONS.

Wholesome and sufficient food, shall be regularly and seasonably provided. The Governess will attend them at their meals, invoke a blessing, and see that proper decorum is observed at table.

Decent and comfortable clothing, suited to the seasons of the year, shall be provided, without particular regard to uniform. Also, comfortable lodging.

In cases of sickness, medical advice will be rendered by the Physicians who kindly accept the appointment of the Board. And the patient shall be recommended for medicines to the charity of the "Boston Dispensary," unless medicines are supplied by benevolent friends.

The Governess will visit the rooms before retiring at night, to see that the children are safe and comfortable.

No child shall be allowed to carry a lighted lamp or candle to any part of the house without the presence of a Governess; and the children who are old enough to retire to bed alone, shall be accustomed to do so without

a light. This will be done with a view to prevent any unpleasant impressions or apprehensions about being in the dark.

The Governess and Assistant, shall never be absent from the house at the same time, and neither should be absent during the night, without the knowledge and permission of the Visiting Committee.

The Committee will examine the children respecting their proficiency in learning, ascertain their treatment, and attend to other duties, as specified in the 8th Article of the Constitution.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS.

The children shall rise at five o'clock in summer, and at seven in winter. Go to bed at six in winter and at eight in summer. Immediately after rising, repeat prayers and hymns. Wash in cold water, comb their heads, clean their chambers, and attend family worship. Take breakfast. Play until nine o'clock. School shall then commence, and continue until twelve. Dinner and proper recreation, shall occupy the time until two. Attend school till five. Play till supper. Repeat Scripture or prayers, and sing hymns. Wash, and retire at the hour appointed, until old enough to sit up and work or study one or two hours later. Saturday afternoons, brush or dust the chambers, wash all over, and put clothes in order for the Lord's-day.

May the Great Head of the Church condescend to own this new and untried effort of his people, to benefit their fellow beings. May a large capital of *mind*, that would otherwise remain shrouded in ignorance, or expand, only in the practice of evil, be brought into pure and vigorous action, and exert a happy influence on the *morals* of our city. And may many immortal souls, be prepared, by the blessing of God, for the kingdom of eternal glory.

Form of a surrender of a child fully given up to the guardianship, direction and management of the Institution.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I
of _____, in the County of _____, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the _____ of
a minor, in consideration that the said child has been received by the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, to be nurtured, educated and employed according to the rules and regulations of said Institution, do hereby surrender and release the said _____ to the said BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, to the entire, sole and exclusive care, management and direction of the said Society, and the Board of Managers thereof, until the _____ day of _____ which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and _____ when the said _____ will have arrived at the age of twenty-one years; to be fed, clothed, governed, instructed, corrected and employed, according to the regulations of said Institution, and under the direction of the proper officers thereof, and when they shall think fit and proper, by them to be bound out in a virtuous family, or to a respectable trade or occupation or to be educated in such other manner as they may deem beneficial during said term of minority, hereby giving, granting, and transferring unto them, all my right, power and authority in and over _____ the said minor.

And I do hereby covenant, That I will in no way or manner, either directly or indirectly, interfere with the management, direction, or government of the said minor; that I will never visit, nor attempt to visit _____ except as may from time to time be permitted me under the regulations of said Institution; that I will never ask nor receive any compensation for _____ services; nor induce, nor attempt to induce _____ to leave any family, station, or employment, in which _____ may be placed by the Board of Managers; and, finally, that I will strictly conform to all the rules, regulations and requirements of the said BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and _____

Signed, sealed and delivered, in presence of

Form of agreement to be signed by a parent, or guardian, who wishes to place his or her child, or ward, under the care of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, and engages to defray, either in whole, or in part, the expenses of said child.

I, the subscriber, being desirous to place my child,
 under the care and protection of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, to be fed, instructed, and governed agreeably to the rules and regulation of said Society, so long as circumstances render it necessary and expedient, do hereby agree that I will pay to the Treasurer of said Society, in consideration of the benefits that said child will receive,
 every week, or at that rate, by the month, and that I will abide by all the rules and regulations of said Institution, in such cases provided, so long as said child shall remain in said Institution; and that I will not interfere with the management or government of the said child during residence and support in the Institution; reserving however the right and privilege of taking said child out of said Institution, whenever my circumstances shall render it right and consistent with the best good of the child to do so. And should I at any time apply for the child under circumstances, which, in the opinion of the Board of Managers, or of the Committee appointed to judge in such cases, will be hazardous to the morals, character, and interests of said child, I do hereby engage and agree to abide by the judgment, decision and advice of the said Board, or Committee; and to wait until they may see that it is suitable and proper to return to my charge and protection.

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 day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
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FORM OF A BEQUEST.

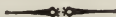
Item...I, A. B. do give and bequeath to the Treasurer for the time being of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY the sum of for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be applied by the Board of Managers thereof, to the general objects of the Society. And I do direct, that the receipt of the Treasurer, shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for the same.

BOSTON

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT,

DECEMBER 5, 1838.



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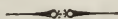
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BOSTON

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.



FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Managers of the Boston Children's Friend Society, feel pleasure in congratulating the friends and patrons of this Institution, on the completion of the fifth year of its existence. This pleasure is the greater, that the difficulties which naturally attend the outset of all similar undertakings, are gradually diminishing, and the prospect of successful result, and increased usefulness is, in a like degree increasing; thus affording grateful acknowledgment to those who have extended a sustaining hand, when support was most needed, and presenting additional induce-

ment for all to unite in the good work, and contribute according to their ability, to its future progress.

If worthiness of object ever assures prosperous event, we may promise ourselves much. We take from the over-burdened poverty of toiling industry, the weight which oppresses and often crushes it, and aid without humiliating it. We are friends to the friendless, and at our hearth the orphan finds a kindly shelter. Into the ear that has listened only to the oaths of shameless brutality, the bickerings of fretful poverty, or the stern reproof of parental harshness, we pour the soothing lessons of love, peace and hope ; teaching the forward temper, gentleness, and cheering the drooping heart with words of promise. We quench the consuming fire of vicious example, and replace it with the steady light of moral precept and practice ; we strive to train the child in that path which ensures moral comfort in the present and promises most happiness in the future world.

At the close of the last year there were 44 in the Institution ; since admitted 34 ; dismissed 27 ; two have died. Total sup-

ported by the Institution 49. Males 14. Females 35. Since its formation 164 have received the benefit of this Institution.

The course of education pursued during the past year has been essentially the same as in preceding years. All the children have attended the day school, and those who have attained a suitable age are instructed in domestic concerns. The children have pieced and quilted five quilts, in addition to work taken in and the necessary family sewing. Rev. Mr. COLLIER continues his weekly Bible exercises, and the Sabbath School under the supervision of Messrs. LEROW and LINCOLN is in a very interesting state.

The Auxiliary Society continues to render its kindly aid. They have increased their efforts the past year, and a large number of garments have been gratefully received by the managers of this Institution. May the blessing pronounced by our Saviour upon the *merciful* be experienced by each member of that Society.

With the exception of the whooping cough, with which disease 23 of the children were at one time ill, a good degree of health

has prevailed. Two interesting little girls have died of consumption. Every attention which kindness prompted was bestowed upon them, and though they were not destined to be long members of the "Children's Home," yet we feel assured that He who, when upon earth, took little children into his arms and blessed them, has welcomed them into the house not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens.

" Youth and the opening rose
 May look like things too glorious for decay
 And smile at thee—but thou art not of those
 That wait the *ripen'd* bloom to seize their prey."

The children have been as heretofore under the immediate direction of the Matron and Teacher, whose faithful discharge of the arduous duties devolving upon them have given entire satisfaction to the Board.

The Board feel great pleasure in acknowledging, at this time, the sum of five hundred dollars presented by the "Society for the employment of Female Poor," at its dissolution. This money is to be appropriated to the Building Fund, and we are assured that those Ladies who interested them-

selves so deeply in behalf of this Institution, will rejoice with us, when the time arrives that we can welcome the homeless to a home of *our own*.

To Mr. LYMAN the Society are again indebted for a donation of three hundred dollars : his *unceasing* benefactions entitle him to our grateful remembrances.

In addition to these *large* donations many articles of clothing and some provisions have been given, for all of which the Board feel under obligations to the donors.—And what object is there which addresses itself more forcibly to our reason or which appeals so powerfully to our feelings? Infancy and feeble childhood are speaking to us in their eloquent helplessness, beseeching us to rescue them from the contamination of the world's wickedness; to protect them from the withering blight of ignorance; to win them from the brink of unceasing misery; to nurture them in the love of good and the fear of evil; to save them from deepest degradation, and teach them the sustaining power of self-respect.

The mother pleads for her children, bidding us imagine how *our* hearts would be

wrung were *our* children condemned to sordidness of food, habitation and raiment; to the pinching of want or the malignant influence of bad example. She tells us of the neglect which penury enforces; of the swallowing up of all lesser things in the great struggle for daily sustenance; of the wilfulness, which grows through want of the watching eye and the restraining hand; of the choking weeds which spring up, wasting the affections and perverting the morals; of disobedience, ingratitude and sin; and with her pleadings mingle irresistible supplications in supporting the burden imposed upon her willing but unequal strength.

In the nature of our charity we differ from most benevolent institutions. Our purpose is to prevent the *necessity* for aid by removing the causes which lead to it. One child won from idleness and vice is an impulse to the virtue of uncounted numbers. As the ripple caused by a pebble dropped upon the surface of smooth water extends in still increasing circles until the eye can no longer trace it, so the implanting of good principles in a single youthful mind extends its influence throughout soci-

ety, impelling a thousand other minds to the love of the good and the true, and checking the development of the evil and the false.

We have, then, every thing to encourage perseverance in the noble object for which we are associated, and many things to teach us not to be contented with any amount of effort short of that which will place the Institution, of whose infancy we are the guardians, upon a permanent and time-enduring foundation. Nor should we be discouraged that our strength is not competent for the work ; that our ability may not equal our will ; that the good we do is not proportioned to the good we desire to do. "It may be little,"

" But, in the sharp extremities of fortune,
The blessings which the weak and poor can scatter,
Have their *own* season."

In behalf of the Board,

ELIZABETH W. GREGERSON, *Sec'y*,

**The Treasurer's Account Current with the
BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.....Cr.**

By Cash on hand Dec. 5th, 1837, (including the building fund of \$231 25,)	\$ 1654 73
“ collected at the Anniversary meeting, Dec. 10th, 1837,	106 96
“ rec'd of several Donors, (\$505 of which was given to the building fund,) ..	915 25
“ “ of 5 Life Members,	112 50
“ “ of 300 Annual Subscribers,	535 00
“ “ for Board of Children, ..	239 49
“ “ for the Rent of the Stable,	30 00
“ “ for Interest on Money Loaned, ...	61 10
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	\$ 3655 03

Dr.

To Cash paid for the Current Expenses of the In- stitution, from Dec. 5, 1837, to Nov. 5, 1838, (eleven months)	\$ 1728 19
Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer,	<hr/> 1926 84
The building fund is included in this balance, and amounts to	750 00
	<hr/> 1176 84
\$550 of the above balance are unavailable, for the present at least,	550 00
Leaving our available fund only	<hr/> 626 84

D. LEROW, *Treasurer.*

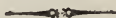
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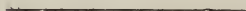
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~~FIFTH~~ ANNUAL REPORT,

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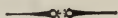
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BOSTON

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.



SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

IN presenting their accustomed Report, the Board of Managers scarcely need do more than refer to the records of preceding years. The general condition and internal economy of the Institution remain unchanged, and although circumstances have not favored any increase of resources and the opportunity for doing good far exceeds the ability, still we have reason to believe that the promise of more extended usefulness and permanent prosperity approaches nearer and nearer fulfilment;

strengthening the hope that, ultimately, the plans of its benevolent projectors will be successfully accomplished.

The health of the children during the past year has been very good ; no death has occurred. They have attended school as usual ; they have made seven patchwork quilts, besides other sewing ; two of the quilts have been sold ; others are for sale.

At the close of the past year there were forty-nine in the Institution ; since admitted 32 ; dismissed 32 ; present number 49 ; 196 children have received the advantages of this Institution since its formation.

The Union Sewing Circle continue their kindly aid in purchasing and making garments for the children. Their assistance we gratefully acknowledge.

Our friends do not need to be reminded of the deprivation the Institution has recently suffered, by the death of one of its earliest, most constant and generous benefactors. The poor have indeed lost a willing friend ; one whose kindly sympathy for their wants and woes glowed brighter and brighter, the nearer it approached its final extinguishment. His memory still lives

and will live in ever fresh remembrance in the hearts of mothers whose beloved children his aid has saved from the bitterness and dangers of extreme poverty ; of orphans, but for him, guideless wanderers in the world's wilderness ; of widows, whose desolate homes have been cheered by the blessings of his bounty.

We have often participated in the gifts he so liberally bestowed. From its very commencement, our Institution won his approval and enlisted his active interest. While we gratefully acknowledge this, and renew our expressions of obligation for his repeated munificent donations, let us remember that though these have ceased, there still remains for our imitation his worthy example, teaching us not to grow weary in well-doing ; and warning us that no extremity of age can absolve from the performance of duty or shelter from the penalties of its neglect.

In concluding this brief sketch of the past year, the Board cannot forbear reminding those interested in the Institution, of the nature of the undertaking in which we are engaged, the objects we hope to effect,

and the manner in which some of the obstacles should be overcome.

This Institution is designed to assist those who are most willing, but not always most able to assist themselves. Upon whom poverty presses most heavily, because they are most sensible to its evils ; to administer aid without offending self-respect ; to protect those, from whom death has removed all natural guardians ; to bring the deserted and homeless child into a circle where the chilled sympathies of its nature may be warmed into life ; to provide for its honest occupation, and fit it for the performance of its social duties ; to be the child's friend, its friend in the helplessness of scarce completed infancy, in the heedlessness of careless childhood, in the confidence of hopeful and impetuous youth ; in all that regards its temporal and eternal happiness.

In assuming the guardianship and contributing to the attainment of this end, we have imposed upon ourselves a most responsible and interesting duty. Its responsibility and its interest both arise from the character of the recipients of our bounty. We do not succor those upon whom the

blasts of misfortune have spent their force ; who count years of clouded sun ; whom temptation has assaulted and beaten down ; our doors are not open to the repentant prodigal, nor the forsaken wife, nor the lone and aged widow. We receive into our home beings in whose future happiness we ourselves are to have an agency ; whose plastic natures may be modelled into images of perfect beauty, or as perfect repulsiveness ; who are to be guided in the peaceful and pleasant paths of virtue, and guarded from the blighting poison of early vice ; who are to be rescued from the tainted atmosphere of unholy example, and the hardening influence of merciless harshness ; in whom kindness and gentleness, devotion and reverence are to be implanted, and made to produce bud and blossom and good fruit. We profess friendship in its ultimate ; administering all good withholding all evil ; providing for all accidents, tempering all wilfulness, chastening all obduracy, sharing all sorrow, participating in all joy. We voluntarily offer ourselves as substitutes for the nearest and dearest of all human relations, that of parent and child.

In this relation it becomes our office to care for the immaterial as well as the material ; to see that the intellect and affections have their just claims ; to shelter the body from suffering, and the soul from sin ; to secure happiness, not transient and earthly, but perennial and imperishable ; happiness, based not upon the shadowy promises of this life, but upon the realities of that which is to come.

The difficulties attending the perfect development of such a plan, and the attainment of all the good it promises may embarrass, but should neither dishearten nor discourage. We may meet with unappreciating coldness, or misjudging dulness, or jealous suspicion ; let us remember that the deep dark wells of adversity are not to all fountains of true wisdom ; that few can look with quiet eye into the face of grim want ; that for one who passes courageously through the stern trials of unalleviated poverty, there are thousands who sink in dispiritment, or become hardened into complete deadness of heart, that the ungente are not always intentionally ungrateful or unkind. We may have brought

before us cases beyond the reach of our aid ; children, irretrievably tinged with the vicious principles of profligate parents ; stubbornness which will not bend ; perverseness untameable ; wickedness apparently incapable of any good ; let us not forget that we are not to seek in the barrenness of an uncultivated field for the tender plant that blooms only in the well-trimmed garden. Those whom we strive to approach to advise and assist, may rudely repel the good offices we would do them. Let us endeavor to subdue their harsh tempers, not by reproof but by kindness, forbearance and gentle persuasion ; imitating in all things the example of Him whose charity was boundless ; whose love was infinite.

E. W. GREGERSON, Sec'ry,

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“ Collected at the Anniversary Sermon, Dec. 23, 1838,	82 10
“ Rec'd of several Donors, (T. Lyman, Esq. \$500; Miss Mackay's Legacy, \$100,)	747 99
“ “ of 6 Life Members,	150 00
“ “ of 300 Annual Subscribers,	473 00
“ “ for the Board of Children, and \$12 75, for Work done by them,	384 99
“ “ for Rent of the Stable,	50 00
“ “ for Interest on Money Loaned, ...	82 00
	<hr/> \$3346 92

Dr.

To Cash paid for the Current Expenses of the In- stitution, from Nov. 5, 1838, to Nov. 4, 1839,	\$1921 70
Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$1425 22
Deducting the Building Fund, which now amounts, with Interest added, to	795 00
Leaves the available fund,	<hr/> \$630 22

All of which is respectfully submitted by

D. LEROW, *Treasurer.*

Dec. 4, 1839.

Boston, Dec. 3, 1839.

This certifies, that we have examined the foregoing account, and find the same well vouched, and correctly cast, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer, a balance of fourteen hundred and twenty-five dollars, twenty-two cents.

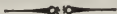
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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT,

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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE return of the annual meeting of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, presents another opportunity for the co-operation of benevolent feelings and sympathy, in the cause of Christian philanthropy; and bids us remember Him, who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Though the field be indeed the world, there is a division in this plantation of the great Husbandman; and ours is the privilege and the luxury, to see the immediate benefit resulting from the culture of infant minds, in a spot chosen from the moral wilderness of a populous city. The Board of Managers would feel encouraged in all their efforts in behalf of this Institution; and it is hoped the friends and patrons of helpless infancy, will also be incited to engage with warmer hearts, in the good work of ameliorating the condition of those, exposed to vice and suffering.

When we take these forsaken ones from the lowest state of degradation, we place them in a situation where they will receive parental care, and be taught all that shall make them useful members of society; thus many are saved from being a burden

on the community, and inmates of our poor houses. We cannot but believe too, that among these friendless little ones, may be discovered the germ of great intellectual and moral power, which, under proper cultivation, shall do much to benefit mankind. May we not reasonably expect, that from these beneficiaries of our charity, there will be raised up those who shall be faithful domestics, worthy members of society, and ornaments of the church of Christ. And is it too much for us to hope, that one day we may behold among our most devoted missionaries, among the wisest and best of our rulers and legislators, some of these recipients of our bounty?

During the past year 21 children have been admitted to the Institution; 13 have been dismissed; present number supported by the Society, 42. Since its organization, 211 have enjoyed its advantages.

While the varioloid was visiting many parts of our city, this Institution did not escape its ravages. Seventeen were at one time ill with it; five of whom died. The managers and matron were unwearied in their attentions to the sick, and we cannot but be humbly grateful, that they were nursed in the season of languor and disease, with a solicitude and pious fidelity, that could not be surpassed, and that would extend its influence to the minds of the suffering little ones, as far as their opening faculties could receive the truth. We trust they are now in the mansions of the blest,

where sickness and death are not known, and with Him, who has said of little children, "of such is the kingdom of God."

The matron and teacher still continue to discharge the duties incumbent upon them, with fidelity, and to the full satisfaction of the Board.

The children are instructed in domestic concerns when arrived at a suitable age, and have been of great assistance in the family. Their progress in needle-work and other branches, has been highly gratifying. Besides accomplishing much necessary sewing connected with the family, they have earned twenty-two dollars from work taken in, which has been performed to the credit of themselves, and their teacher.

The same course of education has been pursued in the school the past year, as in years preceding. The effect of appealing to the better feelings of human nature, is clearly manifested by a marked desire for improvement. As an illustration of this, we would mention the case of a little boy, who was indolent, and could not be induced to give attention to his studies. The teacher nearly discouraged, called him to her, and asked if he was willing to have the ladies informed of his negligence; stating at the same time, it would cause them great grief, for they were doing much to make him happy. He burst into tears, and has since evinced a great desire to learn.

The Union Sewing Circle have been indefatigable in their labors in behalf of this

Society. It will be remembered, that in June last, through their benevolence, a Concert was given; the avails of which, amounting to six hundred dollars, were generously paid into our Treasury. We would also cheerfully acknowledge their kindness, in providing and making garments for the children. May Heaven's choicest blessing rest upon each member of that circle, and may they not be faint or weary in this well doing.

The Board thankfully acknowledge the sum of one hundred dollars, received from the Hon. PETER C. BROOKS; and of three hundred dollars, received from the Infant School Society, together with some furniture. The uniform, comfortable, and suitable dress in which these children appear before you this day, is the product of the ready charity and active benevolence of a lady and gentleman, who, in addition to this, have become annual subscribers to more than twice the usual amount. Articles of clothing, provision, fuel, and various other donations, have been received from time to time, for all of which, the Board would tender their warmest thanks to the donors. That so much interest has been manifested in this Institution is heart-cheering.

It is now evident to every observer, that a permanent building is essential to the uninterrupted comfort, and improvement of this Institution. The sum of one thousand dollars, is all that has ever been given as a building fund. This must be increased at

least seven-fold, before a suitable habitation can be procured ; and we would appeal to the liberal, Christian and sympathising citizens of Boston, for their aid. The house now occupied by the Society, must be sold ; and should we be able to obtain it at a reasonable rate, it perhaps would be expedient to make a purchase of the same. Where shall we look for the heart warm with that charity, which seeketh not her own, if not among the inhabitants of this city of schools and churches ? Some have already immortalized their names, by giving valuable edifices for benevolent purposes ; and others are yet left, whose name may be blessed as the generous donors of a home to the homeless, whose necessities plead with an eloquence more powerful than that of words.

We trust much good has been done by this Society ; and there yet remains a large field for usefulness ; but shall we hold back from this work ? May not our benevolence rather be incited to flow forth with new ardor ? In the world of nature, much can be done by cultivation and attention. "The plant that exhibited but a stunted growth when wild and uncared for ; or when overshadowed by other vegetation, if removed from these uncongenial circumstances and set in a more favorable position, will soon erect its head ; put on additional verdure, and bear more abundant fruit." Something analogous may be found in the moral condition of those, whom this Institution

have been permitted to transplant, from the highways and hedges of degradation and pollution, to a nursery of moral and religious culture, where we hope to see them become "trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified."

In behalf of the Board.

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BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.....Cr.**

By Cash on hand Dec. 1839, (including the building fund, \$795,)	\$1425	22
“ Rec'd at the Anniversary Sermon,	150	00
“ “ as a Donation from the Boston Sewing Circle, \$600	00	
“ “ as a Donation from the Infant School Society, for the building fund, 300	00	
“ “ from several Donors, ..	73	18
“ “ Donation, P. C. Brooks, 100	00	
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“ “ of seven Life Members,	175	00
“ “ of 300 Annual Subscribers,	565	00
“ “ for the Board of Children,	339	25
“ “ for the Rent of Stable,	40	41
“ “ for Interest on Money,	160	00
“ “ for Sewing done by the Children, 22	00	
	<hr/>	\$3950 06

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To Cash paid for the Current Expenses of the Institution, from Dec. 6, 1839, to Nov. 30, 1840,	\$1658	20
Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$2291	86
Deducting the Building Fund, which now amounts, with Interest added, to	1151	75
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Leaving the available Fund,	\$1140	11

D. LEROW, *Treasurer.*

Boston, Dec. 2, 1840.

Boston, Dec. 1, 1840.

This certifies, that we have examined the foregoing account, and find the same well vouched, and correctly cast, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer, a balance of twenty-two hundred and ninety-one dollars, eighty-six cents.

J. C. PROCTOR, }
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BOSTON

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EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT,

NOVEMBER 3, 1841.



"When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up."—Psalms.

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The Institution is located at No. 83, Prince Street, near Charles-town Bridge, and now contains between forty and fifty children.

Donations in money, goods, provisions, clothing, &c. will be very gratefully accepted.

The thanks of the Board are respectfully tendered to all who have so generously aided them.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

"We love them most when most we feel they need our love."

And who more loudly claim our love and sympathy, than those, whose "little heads are bent down in weary wakefulness that should be resting on a mother's bosom; whose hearts are faded that should be filled with gladness, and whose eyes are dim with tears, that should be dancing with merriment. The Managers of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, feel they have taken such, to watch over them with maternal *caré*, hoping that thus many a rugged path in life will be made smooth.

In presenting the Eighth Annual Report, the Board feel assured, that could they take you to the habitations of dire and desolate ignorance, and to the effects of vicious example, from which many of these infant minds have been rescued, you would be ready to ask, is there no hope for these beclouded souls? Cannot some light be made to gleam upon their darkened minds? We would answer, yes. There are those now before you, who have experienced the bliss of being protected in their youthful feebleness, and of having friends to sympathize with them in all their little hopes and fears. They find in the Board of Managers those,

who more than supply the place of others that claim the name of parent.

The same matron and teacher are employed, that have for some time past performed the duties of their station, in a manner creditable to themselves, and satisfactory to the Board.

The number of children now belonging to this Institution, is 42. During the past year 21 have been admitted, and 13 dismissed. We are happy to state, that, through the mercy of God, who has watched over this Society from its commencement, there has been unwonted health during the year that has now closed; and the relentless hand of death has been held back from these objects of your charity.

They have made 35 articles of clothing, for different individuals, besides a very large number for the family. Several quilts have been made by them, six of which are for sale at the Institution. It affords them great gratification that by their industry, they may do something for their own support, and thus be co-workers with their benefactors.

The studies in school are the same as have heretofore been pursued. Rev. Mr. Collier continues his Bible exercises every Wednesday afternoon, in which the school appears much interested. Nearly a year since, the children arose very early on a Sabbath morning, and of their own accord, formed themselves into several classes for a Sabbath School; and for this purpose they

have risen before 5 o'clock, during the summer. The oldest girl performs the duties of superintendent, and they conduct themselves with the utmost propriety, repeating portions of Scripture, hymns, and Scripture dialogues. Occasionally, they have what they call an examination, and invite their matron and teacher to be present. It is with joy they hail the dawn of the Sabbath morning.

With pleasurable emotion we present our renewed thanks to the members of the Union Sewing Circle, for their untiring zeal in the cause of this Institution. The past year, as those preceding, has been with them one of unceasing benevolence. The Board would also acknowledge with gratitude, the efforts that have been made by Mr. Muller, a member of the Circle, in giving a concert; from the avails of which, this Society has realized \$285 84. We trust his interest for these little ones, as that also of the Circle, will know no abatement.

The Old South Sewing Circle, in the ardor of their beneficence, have kindly remembered this Society. We thank them for the number of garments they have furnished, and hope that each benefactor may be clad in the garment of holiness.

The Board of Managers gratefully acknowledge the liberal donations that have been received from various individuals.— They rejoice, not only that some of their many wants have been supplied by the clothing, fuel, provisions, stationery, and

other articles which have been sent them ; and that they are not forgotten at the convivial seasons of a Thanksgiving and a Christmas ; but they rejoice too, that the mind of the public is waking up to the interests of that class of society, which, if cared for, will leave " our prisons with little but echo in their cells, and our criminal tribunals vacant."

In our last Annual Report, an appeal was made to the citizens of Boston, that they would lend us their aid in obtaining a permanent building. We are happy to say it has not been unheeded ; and though something has been done, much more remains to be accomplished. It was stated that the house occupied by this Institution must be sold. After mature deliberation, and with the advice of the gentlemen Board of Advisers, it was deemed expedient that it should be purchased by this Society. A munificent donation of \$600, toward the building fund, has been subscribed by a noble and generous individual, \$100 of which is to be paid in 1841, and \$500 in 1842. While we own our deep obligation to the donor, who has withheld his name, we cannot but admire his adherence to that precept of Jesus, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth." \$500 has been received from a lady who had previously given \$200 to the building fund. A former proprietor of the building, in consideration of the charitable object for which it was procured, made the generous

gift of \$200, while several have contributed smaller sums. To each donor we would express our warmest gratitude. We would now earnestly solicit those who are absorbed in their worldly pursuits, who are amassing wealth, to turn their attention to the treasures that lie buried in the souls of those who are born to unavoidable poverty, "treasures that out-value all the Potosi and Golcondas of the world, as the stars in glory outshine the tapers of a pageant." To them we come, and make our appeal, trusting that the finer sensibilities of their nature will induce them to consider the claims of this Institution, and prompt them to those acts of Christian benevolence, which will rise like imperishable sparks from amidst the great conflagration of the material universe. There now remain \$4000, to be paid for the home of those now before you; and surely your compassion cannot be dormant, nor your aid supplicated in vain, while the melody of their youthful voices falls upon your ear, and their persuasive look meets your eye.

The Board feel not discouraged in their arduous and responsible undertaking. We would endeavor daily to imitate the Spirit of Christ, who took little children in his arms and blessed them. "His love to children seemed a very breathing from his heart of hearts." And shall we deny our sympathy to helpless weakness in its most endearing form? We believe too, that in this nursery of infant mind, a spirit may be

nurtured, to use the eloquent figure of Curran, "That soars to the blaze of every science with an eye that never winks, and a wing that never tires."

In behalf of the Board,

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BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.....Cr.**

By Cash on hand Dec. 3, 1840,	\$2291 86
“ Rec'd at the Anniver. Sermon, Dec, 13,	206 00
“ “ “ Concert in April,	285 84
“ “ as Donations for the Building Fund,	864 50
“ “ “ “ use of the So- ciety,	106 75
“ “ as Interest and Dividends,	120 50
“ “ of five Life Subscribers,	125 00
“ “ of 350 Annual Subscribers,	641 50
“ “ for the Board of Children,	195 67
“ “ “ Rent of Stable,	28 84
“ “ for Work done by the Children, .	8 86
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	\$4875 32

Dr.

To Cash paid for the Current Expenses of the In- stitution, (including Rent, Interest, and Insurance,) for ten months ending Octo- ber 3, 1841,	\$1319 52
“ paid in part for the House,	2800 00
Whole amount paid,	<hr/> \$4119 52
Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer,	755 80
The outstanding debts now due, amount to	255 80
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Reducing the Funds to	\$500 00

D. LEROW, *Treasurer.*

Boston, Nov. 2, 1841.

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The undersigned, having examined the foregoing account,
finds the same correct, and well vouched.

J. C. PROCTOR, *Auditor.*

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The Institution is located at No. 83 Prince Street, near Charles-
town Bridge, and now contains between forty and fifty children.

Donations in money, goods, provisions, clothing, &c., will be
very gratefully accepted.

The thanks of the Board are respectfully tendered to all who
have so generously aided them the past year.

☞ Residence of the Treasurer, No. 47 Allen Street.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

WE meet together to-day to bring no new object before you, and to present no new plan of benevolent operations; but we call your attention to the interests of this Institution, which has for many years deeply enlisted your sympathies, and given satisfactory proof that it is worthy of your toil and self-denial. It is not ours to erect a granite monument, which shall speak of valorous deeds to after ages; but to us belongs the more humble and christlike employment, of rearing a living and breathing edifice, destined to endure when

“Rocks fall to dust, and mountains melt away.”

It may be well to pause and review the past. Since the society was organized in 1833, two hundred and forty-two have received the patronage of this Institution. It will be remembered that the circular of that year speaks of a class of children who might be greatly benefited, could they board where they would receive suitable attention, while the parent is at work from home. It states that “it is often the case that they suffer for the want of proper care, become unmanageable, get into the

company of vicious associates, and are ruined." It also presents "the distressing situation of a mother, her husband dead, or worse than dead, and herself obliged to go out, perhaps every day in the week, to work for three or four children. She leaves them, it may be, with an aged relative, or some person who has no authority over them; they take advantages; neglect their schools; are unreasonably corrected or injuriously indulged; and the afflicted woman sees them growing up before her, with the disheartening prospect of their becoming odious in society, and likely to bring her with sorrow to the grave." Of this class about 100 have received the benefits of this establishment. During the period of nine years, 17 have died, 32 have been dismissed to families or schools, and 6 have been adopted by different individuals.

The children are placed under the immediate charge of a matron, to whose care their health and their morals are entrusted. She also gives them such instruction in domestic concerns as is adapted to their capacity, and attends to all the internal affairs of the Institution. The present governess is one who has for several years creditably sustained that office.

The daily school is taught by a teacher resident in the family. She, too, has for some time performed the duties of that station with great satisfaction to the Board. The children are instructed in reading, grammar, geography, writing, arithmetic, &c. They also mend and keep in order

their own clothes. Besides the sewing done for the family, they have from time to time earned a pittance by their needle. Three quilts are now for sale at the Institution, and it is hoped they will find ready purchasers, as an incitement to industry.

Within the closing year, 23 have been admitted to this asylum. The present number is 44. Four very promising boys, having arrived at that age when, according to the constitution, another place must be provided for them, have been received at the Boylston Asylum.

With grateful emotions we would record the goodness of God, in that he has blessed this Institution with health, the greatest of earthly blessings. Within the past year, two only of this numerous family have fallen victims to the shafts of death. One sickened and died of the whooping cough; the other of consumption.

The Board have made strenuous efforts to cancel the debt of the house, unwilling it should remain an incubus to the society; and they sincerely hope it will be greatly diminished the coming year by increased subscriptions. Various donations have been made for that object, as well as for the immediate necessities of the family. The Watchman, the Youth's Companion, the Sabbath School Visitor, &c., have been sent gratuitously, and most cheerfully received and perused. To-day we tender our warmest thanks to all who have in any manner contributed to the welfare of this Institution.

We would not forget to express the gratitude due to the Union Sewing Circle, which has for so many years continued the firm and unwearied friend of this society; and we would say, faint not, but go on in the cause you have so nobly espoused.

We are reminded this morning of an event, to which we recur with sadness. It is the departure of one of the most active and benevolent patrons of this Institution. In the death of Mrs. B. Joy, we lament the loss of one around whom were clustered virtues of unusual brightness. She was the friend of those who were early exposed to the whirlpool of temptation, and deprived of parental vigilance and affection. And not only by her constant charity did she say, the silver and the gold are the Lord's, but she consecrated to him her time and her influence. Many were the articles made by her own hands, which her benevolence bestowed upon the children of this Institution. She habitually contributed to their support, and by her dying bequest proved they were not forgotten by her in her last moments.

"Such souls are rare, but mighty patterns given
To earth."

"She shines above; but in what place,
How near the throne, and Heaven's imperial face,
By our weak optics is but vainly guest;
Distance and altitude conceal the rest."

The generous legacy of \$666.67 the Board have thought best should receive the name of "Joy Fund." By the kindness and liberality of two of

the relatives of Mrs. Joy, her daughter and Miss A. Joy, the sum has been increased to \$700.

When we cast our eye upon the half fed, half clothed child in the street, as he goes from door to door, to seek his daily bread, and trace him to his abode, where his mind, fettered by ignorance and poverty, admits of no cultivation, we are ready to pass him by as one whose intellect is compelled by circumstances to remain dormant.

If, however, we refer to the history of genius, we see the son of a mendicant become the Bishop of Durham, and a Homer, who was in youth a beggar, become the prince of poets. Even of Luther it is said, "that that voice whose accents electrified the world, had, not very long before, begged a morsel of bread in the streets of a petty town." Encouraged by facts like these, we would quicken our footsteps to the revolting habitations and dark recesses of vice and ignorance, and with augmented zeal, snatch from thence that infant intellect and genius, which, placed in this Institution under the fostering care of christian instruction, shall receive that moral culture, which shall prepare it, not for the poet's laurel, but for a crown immortal,

"When victors' wreaths, and monarchs' gems
Shall blend in common dust."

In behalf of the Board,

E. A. W. QUINCY, *Secretary.*

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By Cash on hand Nov. 3, 1841,	\$755 80
“ Rec'd from Mrs. Benjamin Joy's Legacy, . .	666 67
“ “ from a friend, by J. R. Adan, Esq., . .	600 00
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“ “ from several other generous donors, . .	264 79
“ “ from 16 Life Members,	387 50
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“ “ from Collection at Anniversary Sermon, .	140 00
“ “ for the Board of Children,	291 80
“ “ for Rent of Stable,	20 00
“ “ for Work done by the Children,	10 45
“ “ for Interest and Dividends,	102 77
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	\$3937 78

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To Cash paid for the Current Expenses of the Institution, from Nov. 3, 1841, to Nov. 1, 1842, including Interest on Mortgages of house, . .	\$1698 65
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Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, 17 shares Bank Stock, \$1700, a Note for \$250, and Cash \$289.13, .	\$2239 13

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Boston, Nov. 1, 1842.

Boston, Nov. 1, 1842.—The undersigned having examined the foregoing account, find the same correct and well vouched, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer, in Cash, Bank Stock and Note of hand, the sum of two thousand two hundred and thirty-nine dollars, and thirteen cents.

S. H. WALLEY, }
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TENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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NOVEMBER 1, 1843.

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THE returning seasons have their peculiar beauties to regale the senses, and to animate the human race : but above all these are to be prized the intellectual, moral, and religious gala days, furnished in the anniversaries of our benevolent Institutions. Were these opportunities of doing good to all men, obliterated from the future page of our history, we should be the losers. Who does not know something of the sleepy, dreamy state of mind, that is supremely occupied by its own petty, selfish purposes, and never spreads its wings to the cheering sunshine of a vigorous and efficient charity. Should the most noble and generous practise no self-denial, and cease to exercise their generosity, most certainly would it languish and die. There are lakes and seas in the east, into which flow large rivers, but having no opening, the waters become stagnant and remain to be dried up by the sun, sending forth an atmosphere pregnant with disease. Like these seas and lakes, is the selfishness of that heart which never knows by experience the truth, that it is more blessed to give than to receive ; but receives and never gives, having no outlet to its benevolence. Let us give, therefore, that the heart may

be enlarged, and the soul expanded ; that our sympathy in the sufferings of our fellow immortals may be quickened ; that our character may bear the impress of the spirit of Him who went about doing good, and that to us it may be said, “ I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat ; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink ; I was a stranger, and ye took me in ; naked, and ye clothed me.”

The Board of the Children’s Friend Society, are happy to greet their patrons at this their tenth anniversary. The commencement of a year, is a moment of deep interest, whether we regard it as an era in our individual existence, or in the operations of a society ; then, as from an eminence, we can look back upon the past, and onward to the future, contemplating these occasions as green spots, rare oases of beauty, amid the blighted and barren wastes of ambition and vices.

As year after year rolls on, we are urged by passing events, to do with our might what our hand findeth to do. Once more are we called to pay the passing tribute of love and respect to one, who, in the meridian of her life, devoted herself to the cause of that society whose anniversary brings us together this day. She was one of two individuals who opened this little rivulet of benevolence, which we trust will be onward and increasing, till lost in the ocean of eternity. Of Mrs. Burns one has justly observed, that “ she was tenderly alive to the sufferings and necessities of her fellow beings, and her unobtrusive and persevering efforts, where her own ability or her influence with others could accomplish her wishes, have rendered her a blessing to her race.” The first

report, speaking of Mrs. Burns, says, "as she was passing from public worship through a street in the north part of the city, she saw no less than seventeen children, of wretched appearance, playing on the sidewalk as though it had been a week day. As she reflected on their situation, it occurred to her, that those children might be gathered into a Sabbath school. She made the effort, and with the assistance of a friend or two, commenced a school that with additional help is continued to this day. It now numbers two hundred and fifty scholars. The condition of several of the children was found to be peculiarly distressing, particularly one little girl of six years. Her father was dead. Her mother shockingly intemperate. The health of the child was so feeble, from want of food and proper care, that she was scarcely able to sit in school, and it was difficult to discern what was her true complexion." Another case is mentioned of two little girls in an adjoining cellar. "The youngest, a lovely child about three years old, was sick and apparently must have died, had she remained in the place with no better care than was afforded her. The older one was on the verge of moral ruin unless speedily rescued. Delicacy forbids a full development of their condition at this time. Their mother was dead and their father intemperate." These three children and two others were boarded in Mrs. Burns' family. Thus originated the Children's Friend Society. May we follow the example of her, who on earth presented so noble an exhibition of that spirit which labors and has patience, and counts all things but loss for the cause of Christ.

This morning also, we find the place of one vacant, who has from the organization of this society, ever occupied a seat on the anniversary in the sacred desk. Our hearts feel that a hand we have been wont to grasp in this enterprise, and a venerable countenance we have loved to look upon, are in the tomb. While life and health endured, the Rev. Mr. Collier visited the Institution to bestow religious instruction upon the young, and labored to impress upon their minds the truths of the holy Scriptures. Mr. Collier was a man who found his way to the hearts of children, and the blessed results of his efforts will only be known when time shall be no more. He closed a life of usefulness, being "a good man, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost."

We would express the devout gratitude of our hearts for the goodness and mercy of God, which like the pillar of cloud by day, and of fire by night, have been with us in all our progress. Again would we record his loving kindness in the continued health of this Institution. When we consider the condition of many of these children previous to their entrance into this domicile, which benevolence has provided for them, and the neglect to which they have been exposed, it is a cause of unfeigned gratitude, that disease for the past year has been scarcely known among them.

Not less in this, than in preceding years, have been the active and efficient efforts of the auxiliary to this society. Many articles have been bestowed through their benevolence, on the inmates of this Institution.

The periodicals which have been sent gratuitously, are still continued, and the interest with which they are

read is not in the least diminished. Donations of clothing, food, and fuel, have been received from various sources. These have been, and ever will be most acceptable. For you are doubtless aware, that to feed and clothe from forty to fifty individuals, requires no small amount. We would take this occasion, to tender our warmest thanks to those who have not forgotten these little ones in their charities the past year, and to those who have frequently anticipated their wants, and thus contributed to their comfort and happiness.

Your beneficiaries now number about fifty ; and did our circumstances admit, we would welcome many more who are brought to us from the depth of depravity ; but we must reiterate the disheartening intelligence, that the building now occupied by the society, is paid for but in part ; and can it be that an Institution so well entitled to the grateful patronage of this people, shall be left to struggle with pecuniary embarrassment ? an Institution whose object is to seek after, and to take care of the wandering, houseless child ? Enter with us the abode of penury, wretchedness and ignorance, and of every conceivable circumstance of misery and degradation, and say, shall we leave that little child who is worse than fatherless and motherless, to be brought up in the haunts of debauchery, growing up to inevitable ruin, with no moral or mental instruction, but what comes from sounds and scenes of infamy ? Shall we be unmoved, when the only language that falls upon his ear, is that of imprecation and blasphemy, and the only music that which comes to him from the orgies of intemperance ? Oh no. Who is there that will steel his heart against such a pic-

ture ; that will withhold the widow's mite, or refuse an ample donation from his abundance, to save such a one from the baneful influences which tend only to crush its innocence, and blight its affection.

We would mention the case of a little girl seven years of age. Her parents died in New York ; and she was taken by a man and his wife, both of whom were habitually intemperate. While in New York, they tied this little girl to a post, and publicly whipped her. The rage of the people at this proceeding made it unsafe for them to remain, and they fled to this city. They dressed her in boy's apparel, and sent her on the stage of the theatre in this city, where she performed a part as one of the children of the woods ; and there too her little lips were taught the most corrupting songs. The man and woman would pass their nights in brutal intemperance, and their days in bed, while this little child of seven years was compelled to rise, make the fire, prepare their food, and attend to other household affairs. One morning in the act of kindling the fire, her clothes caught the flame, and her fingers were shockingly burned. The man declared he would not part with her on any account, for she did more work than any girl three times her age. She, moreover, did much for the support of the family, by begging, and singing songs, for she had a sweet voice. At one time, for a mere peccadillo of little Mary, the woman, having looked in vain for a rope, took a rattan and beat the child till her whole body was covered with stripes. Her cries and groans moved those that inhabited the same house, who were instrumental in having delivered her from this tyrant of tyrants

in the assumed name of mother, and she was placed for safety in this Institution. The man and woman have made several fruitless efforts to have her returned to them.

It would seem, merely in a pecuniary point of view, much more should be done by the public and by individuals to rescue this class of children, than has ever yet been done in our city. If allowed to grow up in pollution, and with every breath inhaling the poisoned atmosphere around them, while we lock up our coffers, and stop our ears to the heart moving appeal of the helpless, destitute, forsaken children of this community, and neglect to provide a home for them in their youth, will they not compel us to furnish a home for them, when they have become ripe in crime, and a bane to society?

But there is another class whose claim on our benevolence is equally pressing. There are many who have been reared in the comforts and luxuries of life, and have sailed on an unruffled sea, till in the noonday of life, the storms of misfortune have shattered the frail bark which seemed built only for sunny climes. Poverty and death have entered the dwelling of her, whose hope wove bright visions of the future. Her only earthly support, and the protector of her early days, she is called suddenly to consign to the tomb, and finds herself a widow, and her children fatherless. How changed her condition in the world. She now "sees in those young things that climb about her knee, not records of her wealth and name, but little wrestlers with her for her daily bread, so many poachers on her for her scan-

ty meal, so many units to divide her every sum of comfort, and further to reduce its small amount ;" she sees too, "in lieu of the endearments of childhood in its sweetened aspect, heaped upon her all its pains and wants, its sickness and ills, its fretfulness, caprice and querulous endurance." The widowed mother, pinched with care and much privation, and her form arrayed in coarsely patched apparel, to-day pleads with you, that the streams of your benevolence may flow to this Institution, that its precincts may be enlarged, its operations extended, and when she shall apply to surrender her little ones, whose former "prattle of engaging infant fancies, is now but of cold, and thirst, and hunger," that she may not be told, there is no room.

"Ah ! who can say, however fair his view,
Through what sad scenes his path may lie.
Ah ! who can give to other's woes his sigh,
Secure his own will never need it too."

E. A. W. QUINCY, *Secretary.*

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ANNUAL REPORT.

THE resignation of your late valued Secretary, whose services you have so reluctantly relinquished, has unexpectedly called upon one to present your annual Report whose recent connection with the society almost unfits her for the duty. Yet the *name* of the society whose Report she now submits, and whose claims she pleads, she is assured speaks with more power to every feeling heart than any attempt at eloquent speech, or elaborate detail of facts.

The review of the past year presents nothing new. Indeed so quietly and happily has time winged its flight, that the matron assures us, they can none of them realize that the year has almost closed. The family has been blessed with almost uninterrupted health. No death has occurred.* One of the inmates who had resided in the family till she was eighteen, has this year left with a character which will ensure her the confidence of her employers in any situation she may be called to fill. A year or two since she made a public profession of religion, and has made herself very useful in the Institution. The average number continues forty-five, nine of whom are boys. The number must be variable, as the children partially surrendered, can be removed at any time by the parent, on paying the amount under such circumstances charged for board. The present year, five have been put in good families, one has been adopted, and three, who were boarders, have been restored to their

* The Board has by death been deprived of the active and efficient services of their valued associate, Mrs. N. CARRUTH, who deceased in January last, and whose memory they retain in grateful remembrance.

friends. The two youngest children are, a boy two and a half years old, received when only a year old; and another surrendered the present year, three years of age. The teacher who has had charge of the school for more than seven years, and to whom the society is deeply indebted for the conscientious and assiduous manner in which she has discharged her duties, has this year, in consequence of enfeebled health, and the claims of an aged mother, felt compelled to resign her charge for the present. The place is now filled by one known to, and recommended by the late teacher.

Agreeable to the constitution, no uniform is worn by the children, and with the exception of shoes, nothing is expended for clothing. The donations of the benevolent in materials for clothing, and left off garments, made over and repaired by the inmates, have thus far been found adequate to their wants. Very grateful for donations thus received, the Managers would suggest to the benevolent, that the garments sent, be rather of a plain and useful than ornamental character. It is more congenial with the spirit of the Institution, and does away with the necessity of those explanations which otherwise may sometimes arise.

The Managers acknowledge with gratitude the continued exertions of the Union Sewing Circle, and also donations from the Sewing Circle of Charles Street Society. The elder children have the past year done plain sewing which has been taken in, the tailoring and mantuamaking for the family, and the younger ones have made patch-work quilts, some of which have been sold. The Managers cannot refrain from expressing their gratitude to the committee of gentlemen who are now making an effort to pay off the debt on the building, the interest of which has been regularly paid, and also to put the premises in good repair, which is greatly needed not only for the comfort of the inmates, but as a measure of economy.

Having thus briefly given a detail of the past year, need we say any thing further to urge the claims of the *Children's Friend Society*? We have said that its name spoke eloquently to every feeling heart. And who is not the friend of children? Where are features so rigid that they have not relaxed into a smile of benignity on hearing the guileless prattle of children, or a heart so encased in selfishness that it has not flowed forth in benevolence at the sight of suffering, helpless, or orphaned childhood? All of us have been children; we recall, even now, with emotion, childhood; its joys and its sorrows in their rapid transition; and as we passed onward a little, have we forgotten the hopes that animated and the fears that depressed us? the tender caress of the mother whose image yet lives with us, and the fond approval of the father who looked on us with manly pride? Ours, perhaps, was a childhood blessed with every domestic tie, planted in a garden where pruning and culture were never neglected, and where, if we became not plants of righteousness yielding fruit in their season, how momentous our responsibility, in view of the declaration of scripture, "where much is given, much will be required." If competence and health and almost every blessing clustered around our childhood, let its endearing remembrances prompt us to aid those, who, associated as the *Children's Friend Society*, aim to extend some of these fostering, healthful influences to those who, by orphanage, by vice, or by disease, are, in the most tender, susceptible age, abandoned to those baneful influences from which, if they are not rescued, vice, infamy, and hopeless perdition are the inevitable consequences.

But let us change the picture. Were any of us orphans? Was our childhood one in which a widowed mother grappled with poverty, and by careful pains-taking industry was barely able to obtain for us the means of existence and the elements of knowledge; when sick-

ness enfeebled, and death at last took her from us, leaving us an example of virtue and piety, and a legacy of priceless value, her *prayers*? Then followed days of desolate loneliness, when a word of sympathy, the soft impress of affection from the hand extended to our relief—yes, the asylum which the Children's Friend Society now offers to such little lonely wanderers, would have made our hearts leap for joy. Are there such now blessed with competence, and social and domestic ties? to them we surely need not say much to ensure their active co-operation in this plan of benevolence.

But there may be some who fear this institution may have a tendency to release parents from their obligations to active industry for the support of their children. Against this, your Managers would most carefully guard, assured that such a tendency would be most pernicious in its consequences. The obligation of parents to the support and maintenance of their offspring during the helplessness of childhood, is alike the law of nature and revelation; any thing that removes, or lessens this obligation, must be subversive of true benevolence; but the cases are not unfrequent where vice and indolence in one parent, leaves the whole burden of support to the other, and what might have been accomplished easily by both, becomes burdensome, and indeed impossible for one, though maternal love may prompt to the most strenuous exertions. Thus a mother, despairing of reformation in her husband, has been known to surrender one or two of a numerous family to this institution. And another instance which we think in point, and which came under our own observation. It was at a recent meeting of the Board. A decently dressed female, a Scotch woman of good countenance, and indicative of strong feeling, presented herself to make inquiry relative to the admission of her child two and a half years old. Her husband died while they were yet strangers in the country, leav-

ing her destitute, three months previous to the birth of her infant ; which took place at the Lying-in Hospital. As soon as able, she left that benevolent institution well recommended, and obtained a good situation as wet nurse ; where she supported herself with comfort, and paid the board of her child. A year since, the failure of her health, and inability to labor, threw her into a state of dependence ; and notwithstanding the sale of much of her clothing, she had recently become in arrears for her child's board. With the dread of a cold winter before her, still able to earn but very little, she heard of this asylum, and came to see if her child could be admitted. She had hoped that the surrender could be partial without the prospect of being able to pay the board. When she found this was not practicable, the conflicting emotions planted deep in the mother's breast, made her hesitate a few moments. 'Oh,' said she, 'he is such a nice bairn,' and the tear gathered in her eye ; 'but, if I should die I have no friends who would take care of him, he perhaps would be knocked about, and fare badly. You I know will take care of him, and treat him kindly. I will surrender him to you ; he will be better off.' The form of surrender was then handed to her, which she read. 'It is all right,' said she, 'I will sign it ; but if I ever get my health, I can have my boy again, for I will earn money to pay you ladies every thing, and then I have my boy again.' This, and similar facts which might be adduced, we feel assured will appeal successfully, not to the morbid sensibility which it would be far from us to excite, but to the sound, healthful feelings of this community, who look upon our youth of every class and condition with interest ; well knowing that if they are educated in habits of industry, economy, virtue, and piety, they will give stability to our valued institutions, and be blessings to the Church of Christ.

S. W. CUSHING, *Secretary.*

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The Treasurer's Account Current with the Boston Children's Friend Society, . Cr.

By Cash balance on hand, Nov. 3, 1843,	\$396 30
“ Received at the Anniversary Sermon,	152 50
“ “ of 10 Life Members,	250 00
“ “ of 300 Annual Subscribers,	537 00
“ “ for the Board of Children,	235 70
“ “ for Interest and Dividends,	124 00
“ “ for 1 Share of Bank Stock,	100 00
“ “ for several Donations,	48 23
“ “ for Work done by the Children,	5 75
	\$1849 48

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To Cash paid for the Current Expenses of the Institution for the year past, including the interest on \$4000, mortgage of the house,	\$1515 88
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of	\$333 60

The Treasurer has also in her hands 17 Shares of Bank Stock, valued at \$1600; \$700 of which constitute the Joy Fund.

D. LEROW, *Treasurer.*

Boston, Nov. 5, 1844.

Boston, Nov. 5, 1844.—The undersigned having examined the foregoing account, find the same correct and well vouched, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of three hundred and thirty-three dollars and sixty cents.

S. H. WALLEY, }
ALBERT HOBART, }*Auditors.*

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NOVEMBER 5, 1845.

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The Thanks of the Board are respectfully tendered to all who have so generously aided them the past year.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Board of Managers of the Boston Children's Friend Society, in presenting their Twelfth Annual Report, feel peculiar pleasure at this time in greeting its members and kind benefactors.

Like the years of man's existence, the past year has had its clouds and its sunshine; but the day of darkness, we trust, has not been unprofitable. It has led us, we hope, with renewed importunity and more childlike simplicity to seek the favor of God. When our way was hedged up, we looked for deliverance from Him. To have our motives impugned, or our designs misrepresented, is not unprofitable discipline. Instead of being over-anxious under such circumstances to vindicate ourselves, we would strive, by a good conversation, and patient and noiseless effort, to accomplish our work with meekness and fear.

We have been preserved in the enjoyment of general health through the year. The Board of Managers have been able to meet their duties with punctuality. Mrs. Henchman, one of the oldest members of the Board, whose efficient and valuable services we have greatly prized, has been compelled

to resign; but her interest in the Institution will not, we are assured, be in any degree diminished. The teacher whom we mentioned last year as having been obliged to retire for a time, has now resumed the charge of the school. The children have not been exempted from disease, but it has generally been slight, and of the kinds incident to childhood. Two of the number have died of consumption. In the case of the little girl aged eleven years, the disease no doubt existed from infancy. In that of the little boy about three years old, a hearty fine little Scotch boy, it was induced by a severe attack of lung fever. Your Managers have pleasure in stating that they visited the Institution frequently during the sickness of these children, and had every indication of their being nursed with kindness and assiduity. Indeed, in both of the children accompanying their gradual decay, there was that delicacy and sensitiveness which often characterize this disease, and which appeal so irresistibly to the kindest sensibilities of our nature, and make it a pleasure to strive to mitigate by every means in our power the pain and weakness of the gentle sufferer.

Having a favorable opportunity to sell our property in Prince Street, a commodious house, in a fine and healthy situation in Somerville, has been leased for one year. To it the family were removed in the early part of August; and the sale of the property has since been effected. At the suggestion of the Board of Advisers, we made application to the City Council for a lot of land on which to erect

a suitable building for our accommodation. The petition was very favorably received; and we have now gratefully to acknowledge that the grant of ten thousand feet of land has been made, and almost simultaneously with the sale of the property in Prince Street.

But in the record of goodness, this manifestation of favor stands not alone. The late George Hallet, Esq. has forever identified his name with the Institution of the Children's Friend Society, by making it the channel through which his benevolence shall continue to flow on to needy and destitute childhood, by leaving to it the munificent bequest of *five thousand dollars*. In life, we have understood that the benevolence of this gentleman was noiseless, and his objects selected with clear-sighted judgment. We do most devoutly pray that the future and extending usefulness of this Institution, by the blessing of heaven, may testify, that in his last testament he was guided by the same discriminating and expansive charity. May we, and those who may succeed us in the management of this Institution, regard always the sacredness of the trust, and be found faithful stewards. Preparations for building will be made as soon as possible. It will be the aim of the committee to erect a substantial edifice, combining every convenience for the object; and as far as possible to make it an ornament to the city. The Board also gratefully acknowledge, in addition to many useful donations from individuals, twenty dollars from the Old South Sewing Circle; and

shirts, pillow-cases, &c., from the Sewing Circle of the Charles Street Society.

During the past year, sixteen children have been received into the Institution ; fourteen have left, two have died ; present number thirty-eight. The whole number received into the Institution during the twelve years of its existence, is two hundred and ninety. It will be perceived that our present number is not as large as in some former years. Indeed, our present accommodations will not admit of much increase of our numbers. Of the children who have left the Institution during the year, several have been restored to their friends at their request ; and your Managers have pleasure in stating, that in general they have been satisfied that the parent or parents in resuming their duties, have acted from more enlightened views of their own responsibility, the result of a reformation in their morals—temperance and industry having soon supplied them with the means of providing for their offspring.

We feel that the favor of a kind Providence in increasing our means, and removing the embarrassments with which we had long struggled, call upon us to extend our sphere of usefulness ; and in the faithful discharge of our assumed responsibilities, to endeavor to conciliate the confidence of a benevolent community. If we can but deserve this confidence, we feel no anxiety as to the means for carrying out our plans. We wish that the school connected with the Institution, should be as good a one as children

of the same age can any where command. We would have them taught to read and write correctly ; to have a competent knowledge of arithmetic ; to sew with neatness, and when of a suitable age, to be made well acquainted with the various domestic employments suitable to females. But above all, it is our desire that their moral nature should be cultivated, and that evil propensities should be eradicated so far as human instrumentality can do it. But alas, we often find by sad experience, how hard it is even in childhood for one that is accustomed to do evil, to learn to do well. Hence we would ever aim at that moral renovation which the grace of God only can effect.

We believe that the happiness and usefulness of the Institution depend on the establishment of a suasive, mild, but firm government. They who thus govern in the fear of God, habitually striving to illustrate the truths and the virtues they commend, will gain the affections of the youthful heart. Few, very few have been found long insensible to that kindness which aims steadily to do them good, and we have the gratifying assurance, that among those who have been rescued from vice and ignorance by this Institution, are some useful and respectable members of society. Childhood and youth are the seed time for good ; let us each strive wherever our influence can be exerted, that it be not preoccupied by evil.

In behalf of the Board,

SARAH W. CUSHING, *Secretary.*

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By 13 Shares Merchants Bank Stock, (7 of which constitute the Joy Fund,)	\$1300 00
" Cash balance on hand Nov. 5, 1844,	333 60
" " collected at the Anniversary Sermon,	123 40
" " received for nine Life Members,	225 00
" " " of Donors, including Mr. Geo. Hallet's bequest of \$5000,	8833 00
" " " of 300 Annual Subscribers,	498 00
" " " for Bank Stock sold,	307 50
" " " for Dividends, Rent, &c.,	133 00
" " " for the Board of Children,	140 35
	<u>\$11,893 85</u>

Dr.

To Cash paid Mortgages on their House,	4000 00
" " " for the current Expenses of the Institution the past year, including interest on Mortgages,	1401 49
" J. C. H. & Co.'s Note for	5000 00
" 13 Shares Merchants Bank Stock,	1300 00
" Cash on hand Nov. 4, 1845,	192 36
	<u>\$11,893 85</u>

D. LEROW, *Treasurer.*

Boston, Nov. 4, 1845.—The undersigned having examined the foregoing account, find the same correct, and well vouched, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer, the sum of one hundred and ninety-two dollars and thirty-six cents, together with a note of hand for five thousand dollars—also the certificates for thirteen shares in Merchants Bank in Boston.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

A SOCIETY so noiseless in its operations as ours, in coming before the public with its Annual Report, is sometimes embarrassed lest it should justly fall under the censure of a tedious repetition of a twice told tale. Yet no year, we may say no month, passes without interest to the Managers, whose duties call them into frequent personal intercourse with the matron, teachers and inmates of the Institution; incidents, however, of a character similar to those to which affection and sympathy give interest in the family circle; and which, to one whose heart beats not in unison with that immediate circle, might seem trivial and unworthy of particular regard. Still it is with great interest that the Board of Managers look forward to the annual meeting of the Society, cheered with the hope of meeting the faces of those by whose bounty the Institution is sustained; and with the details of whose management we wish them to be fully acquainted.

We feel earnestly desirous that every contributor

to the funds of this charity should visit the Institution once at least every year. By doing so we know greater interest would be awakened in the public mind; our list of subscribers and donors might be doubled, and the number of our beneficiaries increased in the same ratio. We are very grateful for the least contribution to the funds of the Institution, but with these we want the prayers and active co-operation which personal intercourse with suffering, specially with neglected, helpless childhood, never fails to awaken. It is well for us all that the sentiments of benevolence never exist disconnected with that prompt and active fulfilment of duty which, in accordance with the laws of an all-wise and beneficent Providence, makes him who thus blesses his fellow man doubly blessed.

As we stated in our Report last year, in consequence of the sale of our property in Prince street, we leased a house in Somerville for one year, where the Institution was located till August last. The situation though healthy was attended with much inconvenience to the Managers, owing to its distance from town; and not realizing our anticipations with reference to commencing our new building, we thought it desirable to lease a house near the site of our proposed new Institution. We succeeded in obtaining a convenient house on Washington street, adjoining the Cemetery on the south. The necessary repairs have been made, a small

School Room fitted up neatly, and we have an adequate supply of water which can be depended on. It is easy of access, and on many accounts greatly to be preferred to the location at Somerville. We should be very glad of more lodging rooms, but not being able to accommodate ourselves better, we shall remain here till our new edifice is completed.

We mention with gratitude an increasing interest in the minds of our citizens in this Institution, and look forward with cheerful anticipations to a period, not far distant, when we shall be able greatly to extend our sphere of usefulness,—located in a commodious edifice, erected by the liberality of our citizens. We had hoped to be able to state in this Report, that this building was in process of erection. Such were our anticipations last year. But our building committee thought, that, as the cost of all building material was unusually high the past summer, and that also from the great amount of building going on in Boston and its vicinity, the wages of mechanics and laborers was greatly advanced, our wiser course was, to defer all action on the subject till the coming spring, when it is now proposed to go rapidly forward with the work. The interest on our funds, which are invested with good security, deducting what we pay for rent, will in the mean time be adding to our principal. We shall, however, be obliged to appeal to our fellow citizens for \$6,750; the cost of our proposed building being \$21,000, and our funds amounting

to \$14,250. A smaller or less expensive building than the one the plan and estimated cost of which has been for some time before us, would not enable us to carry out the enlarged plans of usefulness of the Institution, or realize the reasonable expectations of the public. And we feel confident that this appeal to the many benevolent of our fellow citizens who are ever prompt to devise, yes, and to execute liberal things, will not be made in vain. So strong is this assurance, that we shall anticipate entering our new building unembarrassed by debt, before the close of the ensuing year.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$300 from the Messrs. Collamore, \$50 of which was to constitute them life members of the Society; and \$100 from Henry Todd, Esq., \$25 of which was to constitute him a life member of the Society; also sixty useful garments, very neatly made, from the Union Sewing Circle. "The president of that Circle," says one connected with our Institution, "has been unwearied in her labors of love in our behalf, and continues to feel a deep interest in us." We have also received during this, as well as previous years, many useful garments, and valuable materials from Miss Elizabeth Joy, who is indeed the "children's friend." We have also five weekly publications sent gratuitously by the publishers, which furnish much interesting reading matter. While on this topic, we would mention that donations in school books, or any other books adapted

to convey moral and religious instruction to children and youth, would be very gratefully received.

The Rev. Mr. Caswell has visited the Institution during the year as often as his other duties would permit. He has given the children Bible instruction, and has been peculiarly successful in fixing their attention. They often speak of him with gratitude and love. He has also procured for them several Bibles and Testaments from the Bible Society.

The general health of the children, and of all connected with the Institution, has been good, with the exception of one, a girl of thirteen, who is scrofulous, and has been an invalid for more than two years. She is now afflicted with an abscess in her side, but is a meek and quiet sufferer. Our medical attendant has proposed her removal to the hospital, which will be done as soon as we can obtain a free bed.

Death has removed one of our number, a little boy, George Munroe, aged six years. He will be remembered by some of you as the little boy who took part in a dialogue at our last anniversary, which awakened much interest in the spectators. He was a very promising child, and seems to have shared largely in the affections of the matron and teacher. The latter speaks of him as a "sweet bud of promise, to whom all his companions were very strongly attached." She mentioned one fact of great interest, — that, in all her intercourse with

him she had never known him prevaricate in the least; and that any statement that George made, she could rely on implicitly; and we now with pleasure recall his clear truth-telling eye, which never lent itself to falsehood any more than his tongue. He had been much troubled with his teeth, and suffered so much with them that the matron took him to a dentist to have them examined; he thought nothing serious was to be apprehended, and for a time he was relieved. The day before his death two ladies of the Board saw him, and as he was feverish and restless, they recommended drafts to his feet, which, agreeably to their suggestion, the matron applied on putting him to bed. Before she retired she went into his room, which opened out of hers, — he appeared comfortable; and in reply to her inquiring how he felt now, said, much better. She was in his room again in the course of the night, when he appeared to be sleeping quietly. In the morning one of the older pupils, who slept in the room, on going to his bed found him dead, with every indication of having died in a fit, — and which the doctor, who was immediately sent for, confirmed. Miss B., the teacher, being absent from the Institution that night, says, as she approached the house in the morning, she was surprised that she heard none of the merry, joyous voices that were wont to greet her ear. But soon two very sad faces, not at all in harmony with the bright sunny morning, approach-

ing, — it immediately occurred to her, that the languid invalid little girl was dead. On inquiry of them if this were the case, — with eyes brim full of tears, they replied, no, — but, dear little George is.

During this year we have to number among the dead, one who was a steady friend and habitual contributor to the funds of our Institution, — Mrs. Bachelder, of Lynn, whose good works, and alms deeds which she did, will long be cherished in grateful remembrance, not only by our Institution, but in the many channels through which her bounty flowed. She, in compliance with the exhortation of the Apostle, was ever diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. She was indeed a faithful steward, and so lived as to render up her account with joy, and not with grief.

The number of children received during the year is twenty, dismissed to the Boylston school, three; to service, four; returned to their parents, four; died, one; present number, forty-two.

We cannot close this Report without recognizing the Divine goodness in years past, and earnestly invoking its continuance; conscious that if the Managers are faithful in the discharge of the important trust that they have assumed, this Institution must be conservative of the morals of our city; and be a blessing to at least a small portion of our rising generation.

In behalf of the Board,

S. W. CUSHING, *Secretary.*

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THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1846.

In presenting the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Boston Children's Friend Society, the Treasurer would most gratefully acknowledge the generous donations of money to pay the mortgages on their estate the last year, from the following benevolent gentlemen and ladies, viz.—Hon. P. C. Brooks, \$200; Hon. Abbot Lawrence, \$200; J. C. Howe, \$200; J. D. Williams, \$200; Amos Lawrence, \$200; Samuel Johnson, \$200; Wm. Reynolds, \$100; John Parker, \$100; Geo. Howe, \$100; J. H. Rogers, \$100; Nathan Carruth, \$100; Otis Everett, \$100; Richard Fletcher, \$100; John Tappan, \$100; J. W. Edmands, \$100; J. J. Low, \$100; Francis Low, \$100; Wm. Lawrence, \$100; W. W. Stone, \$100; Geo. Hallet, \$100; Wm. Appleton, \$100; H. M. Holbrook, \$100; Geo. Hill, \$100; Nathan Appleton, \$100; James Johnson, \$100; Dr. Geo. C. Shattuck, \$100; M. H. Simpson, \$100; Mrs. M. D. Baldwin, \$100; Mrs. Wm. Reynolds, \$100; J. F. Baldwin, \$50; Robert Mason, \$50; A. A. Lawrence, \$50; T. B. Wales, \$50; Edwards & Stoddard, \$50. The whole amounting to \$3750.

The Treasurer's Account Current with the Boston Children's Friend Society, . Cr.

By Cash on hand Nov. 6, 1845,	\$192 36
“ J. C. Howe & Co.'s Note for	5000 00
“ 13 Shares Merchants Bank Stock, (7 of which constitute the Joy Fund,)	1300 00
“ Cash received for Estate on Prince St., with Interest,	8650 00
“ “ “ at Essex and Park Street Churches,	116 00
“ “ “ of ten Life Members,	237 50
“ “ “ of the late Mrs. Israel Ames, as a donation,	250 00
“ “ “ of Mr. Henry Todd,	75 00
“ “ “ for several small donations,	55 05
“ “ “ of Annual Subscribers,	496 50
“ “ “ for Dividends, Interest, &c,	147 00
“ “ “ for the Board of Children,	170 25
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	\$16,639 66

Treasurer's Account, continued, . . . Dr.

To Cash paid in part for Land purchased of the city, . .	\$135 75
" " " for the current expenses of the Institution, . .	1542 74
" 13 Shares Merchants Bank Stock,	1300 00
" two Notes of hand approved by the Directors for . .	13650 00
" Cash on hand November 4, 1846,	61 17
	\$16,689 66

D. LEROW, *Treasurer.*

Boston, Nov. 4, 1846.

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Boston, Nov. 3, 1846.—The undersigned having examined the foregoing account, find the same correct and well vouched, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of sixty-one dollars and seventeen cents, together with two notes of hand, approved by the President and Directors, for the sum of thirteen thousand six hundred and fifty dollars ; also the certificates for thirteen shares in the Merchants Bank, in Boston.

S. H. WALLEY,        }  
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Donations in money, goods, provisions, clothing, &c., will be  
very gratefully accepted.

The thanks of the Board are respectfully tendered to all who  
have so generously aided them the past year.

Residence of the Treasurer, No. 58 Allen Street.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

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ONE of the first writers in our country, in a discourse before one of our national Benevolent Institutions, remarks that our adorable Lord, the founder of Christianity, has laid down two cardinal rules for the government of his Church in the sanctification of the world under the divine blessing : **THE SPREAD OF TRUTH, AND THE TRAINING OF CHILDREN.**

The attentive reader of the Scriptures must be impressed with the frequency with which they inculcate the importance of educating the young for lives of righteousness. In this, the wisdom and the love of God are equally manifest. The training of youth in principles of piety and habits of virtue, is no less the dictate of Christian philanthropy than of sound, political wisdom,—and to us, the citizens of this rapidly increasing republic, it appeals, with a force that, to a thoughtful mind, is irresistible. But, while we feel it in the depths of our hearts, and as parents, guardians and teachers, are endeavoring to carry out the principle, let us not feel that our duty is fulfilled. In all our cities, and

especially in our larger ones, there are the children of the poor, the indolent and vicious, exposed to those contaminating influences which, if not counteracted in early childhood, will make them old in sin while yet young in years—a sight, alas, not unfrequent, and from which the eye of humanity is averted in hopeless sorrow. Now, to aim to counteract those tendencies, to avert by the divine blessing so hopeless a result, must surely be a duty binding upon every virtuous citizen.

The modes which Christian benevolence has devised to effect this are various in their operation, but one in their tendency. Hence the kindred charities of our own city, which annually appeal to the benevolent for the means of carrying out their designs, and hence from year to year the *Boston Children's Friend Society* presents to you its annual report, and asks you to give it the means of extending its operations commensurate with the increasing population of our city.

In our report of last year, we mentioned having leased a house in Washington street, near the cemetery ; where we shall remain until our new building is in readiness for our reception. As we have been politely favored with some particulars with reference to the building, by the architect, A. B. Young, Esq., which will be interesting to the subscribers and donors, we will transcribe them into the report.

The building, he states, is 50 by 60 feet, three stories, a basement and attic story. It is situated on land on the south side of Rutland street, extending 170 by 90 feet, and is placed 15 feet from the street. It has a small L in the rear, two stories high, for store-rooms, offices, &c. In the *basement story* are the children's play-room, laundry and wash-room, the bathing-room, coal-cellar, vegetable-cellar, &c. In the *entrance story* are the Directors' room, the matron's sewing-room, the kitchen, dining-room, pantries, store-rooms and entrance-halls. In the *second story* are the school-room, 22 by 47 feet, the library, the matron's room, nursery, bonnet-room, small bathing-room, children's sleeping-rooms and wardrobes, medicine-closets, clothes'-closets, &c. In the *third story* are sleeping-chambers and bed-rooms, five large clothes'-closets, hall and stairway of ample dimensions. In the *attic story* are the same number and sized rooms as in the third story. Throughout the building great regard is paid to ventilation.

On the premises is sunk a very superior Artesian well ; and a very excellent cistern is constructed, which will hold about 120 hogsheads. It is furnished with a very superior filtering apparatus. The building was commenced about the first of last April, and was carried on with so much despatch, that the plastering was all done by the 10th of August, and it is now thoroughly dry. The finish

is at this time almost entirely completed, ready for the painting ; so that we may calculate that the whole will be fit for occupancy by the 1st of next December.

The grounds are partly graded, and, when finished, it is proposed to put an iron fence in front of the building, and enclose the rest of the grounds with a tight wooden fence, or a brick wall, which would be greatly preferable if the necessary funds can be obtained for the purpose. The contracts for the building amount to \$18,625. To grade the grounds, and put them in a proper state for use, to erect the fences, and perform other extra work on the premises, will require about \$2500 in addition to the above. To pay for sinking the Artesian well, and a part of the above extras, Mr. John D. Williams has placed in the hands of the architect the sum of \$1000. We feel under great obligations to James F. Baldwin and Jabez C. Howe, Esqrs., and other members of the building committee, for the interest they have taken in forwarding the work. And in this connection we are reminded of the loss we have sustained in the death of Wm. Reynolds, Esq., a steady friend of the institution, and for many years a valued member of the Board of Advisors. Last year increasing infirmities induced him to resign ; not willing nominally to retain an office, the duties of which he felt inadequate to discharge with that prompt attention which

he had previously manifested. His bland virtues, suasive benevolence, and kind, courteous demeanor, attached to him very strongly those of us who were thrown into frequent intercourse with him; and we shall long cherish his memory in grateful remembrance.

In accordance with the interest ever manifested during his life, Mr. R. has, as we understand, left by his will \$500 to this Society.

With regard to the domestic details of the institution, we will give some particulars in the language of the teacher, whose labors from day to day make her well acquainted with the character and habits of the children. "The past year," she says, "has been one of signal mercies and blessings; and it becomes us to recognize, with adoring gratitude, the preserving hand of our heavenly Father. While hundreds of others have been swept away by death, our numerous family are spared, and have enjoyed almost uninterrupted health. The little girl mentioned in the last report as suffering from protracted sickness, has been returned from the hospital as incurable, and remains in about the same state. One only, a little boy, has been called from us by death, an interesting child of about five years. He died last winter of lung fever. His pale countenance and fragile form gave too sure indications of an early death. A sweet lamb, gathered, as we trust, into the fold of the great Shepherd.

Our religious privileges during the year have been great; we have attended the church under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Oviatt, which is in our neighborhood, whose faithful labors have been blessed to many, and we think have been the means of awakening a deep interest in the minds of some of our children. About eighteen have regularly attended the Sabbath school, and shared in the benefits of the library connected with it. A Sabbath school concert, held once in two months, has deeply interested them. Here the pastor and superintendent and teachers are present, and the exercises are appropriate for children. They have also been permitted at each of these meetings to contribute one cent from their little earnings; and no one could witness without emotion their beaming countenances as they dropped their pennies into the box, feeling that this was their own offering to the cause of benevolence. Last winter, a prayer meeting was held weekly at our house, at which the older children were permitted to be present, and they often added interest to it by singing one of their sweet hymns. Two of the older girls manifested great anxiety to become true Christians, but have not yet given any decided evidence of change of heart. But we trust the precious seed sown will yet germinate in the hearts of these dear children, and yield fruit to the honor and glory of our Lord and Saviour. The past year has been

marked by a greater degree of moral and mental improvement in the children than any previous one ;—a more sacred regard to truth, and a deeper sense of their accountability to God. Rev. Mr. Caswell has continued his visits to the institution as often as his other duties would permit, for the purpose of Bible instruction.

In addition to sums from donors and life-members, acknowledged in the Treasurer's Report, we would gratefully acknowledge many little acts of kindness from friends to the institution. From the Union Sewing Circle, a donation of 37 garments; from Miss E. Joy, a number of useful articles of clothing.

There have been connected with some of those admitted into the institution the past year, circumstances of deep interest; the narration of which would involve tales of guilt, and violations of conjugal fidelity, which show an alarming deterioration of morals among us. A wife and mother, heart-broken and desolate, deserted by her husband, the father of her children, feeble in health, in absolute destitution, has called upon us to recite her tale of woe, and to surrender to the institution two of her children. Suffice it to say, the husband of her youth had been detached from her by the wiles of one of those "who lie in wait as for a prey, and increase the transgressors among men." Perhaps in the institution there are not two more promising, interesting children.

During the past year, owing to our want of room, we have admitted but fourteen, dismissed to parents or friends eight, to service four, died, one ; present number, thirty-nine.

Of those that have left the institution the past year, with a single exception, we have the most satisfactory accounts: among those that have left in previous years, there are some now filling, not only useful, but responsible stations in society. In view of the past, and with the increasing prospects of usefulness before us, we feel deeply the obligations that rest on the managers of the institution to labor to carry out its designs as stated in the circular of 1843. Let us, unitedly, with all fidelity and diligence prosecute the work before us. And, once established in the commodious edifice which the benevolence of this community has enabled us to erect, let us vigilantly co-operate in every way in our power with those to whose immediate care these children and youth are confided. With the diligent and habitual aim to train these children in habits of virtue and principles of piety,—praying and watching for their welfare,—we may confidently hope for a blessing on our efforts. For these are labors of love for the lambs of the flocks that the great Shepherd has ever regarded with special favor.

In behalf of the Board,

S. W. CUSHING, *Secretary.*

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## THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1846.

IN presenting the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Boston Children's Friend Society, the Treasurer would most gratefully acknowledge the generous donations of money to pay the mortgages on their estate the last year, from the following benevolent gentlemen and ladies, viz., Hon. P. C. Brooks, \$200; Hon. Abbot Lawrence, \$200; J. C. Howe, \$200; J. D. Williams, \$200; Amos Lawrence, \$200; Samuel Johnson, \$200; Wm. Reynolds, \$200; John Parker, \$100; Geo. Howe, \$100; J. H. Rogers, \$100; Nathan Carruth, \$100; Otis Everett, \$100; Richard Fletcher, \$100; John Tappan, \$100; J. W. Edmands, \$100; J. J. Low, \$100; Francis Low, \$100; Wm. Lawrence, \$100; W. W. Stone, \$100; Geo. Hallett, \$100; Wm. Appleton, \$100; H. M. Holbrook, \$100; Geo. Hill, \$100; Nathan Appleton, \$100; James Johnson, \$100; Dr Geo. C. Shattuck, \$100; M. H. Simpson, \$100; Mrs. M. D. Baldwin, \$100; Mrs. Wm. Reynolds, \$100; J. F. Baldwin, \$50; Robert Mason, \$50; A. A. Lawrence, \$50; T. B. Wales, \$50; Edwards & Stoddard, \$50. The whole amounting to \$3750.

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### DONATIONS IN 1847,

*Paid Mr. Young, architect, and J. C. Howe, Esq., Treasurer of the Building Committee.*

Hon. John D. Williams, \$1000; Samuel Appleton, \$200; Nathan Appleton, \$100; Wm. Appleton, \$100; T. B. Wales, \$100; Josiah Bradlee, \$100; J. C. Howe, \$100; Samuel Johnson, \$100; Moses Grant, \$100; Geo. Howe, \$100; A. Friend, \$100; Wm. Sturgis, \$100; John Tappan, \$100; Phineas Upham, \$100; Francis C. Gray, \$60; Amos A. Lawrence, \$50; Francis Skinner, \$50; D. P. Parker, \$50; James Savage, \$50; J. F. Baldwin, \$50; T. P. Cushing, \$50; Samuel Dana, \$50; Samuel Hooper, \$50; Ozias Goodwin, \$50; John C. Warren, \$50; and also a number of smaller donations: for all of which the Society feel under great obligation to those generous repeating donors.

From 2 to 3000 dollars more will be wanted to complete the building, ground and fences, exclusive of furnishing the house.

Who will extend a helping hand?

The Treasurer's Account Current with the  
Boston Children's Friend Society, . . . Cr.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| By Cash on hand Nov. 6, 1846, . . . . .                                           | \$13,711 17        |
| “ 13 Shares Merchants Bank Stock, (7 of which constitute the Joy Fund,) . . . . . | 1300 00            |
| “ Cash received from sundry donors, . . . . .                                     | 159 75             |
| “ “ “ at the Annual Collection, . . . . .                                         | 232 75             |
| “ “ “ from twelve Life Members, . . . . .                                         | 300 00             |
| “ “ “ from Annual Subscribers, . . . . .                                          | 454 50             |
| “ “ “ for the Board of Children, . . . . .                                        | 315 40             |
| “ “ “ from Bank Dividends, . . . . .                                              | 91 00              |
| “ “ “ J. C. Howe & Co., interest money, . . . . .                                 | 666 77             |
| “ “ “ for work done by the children, . . . . .                                    | 17 10              |
|                                                                                   | <u>\$17,248 44</u> |

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| To Cash paid in part for the building of their House, \$13,500 00 |                    |
| “ “ “ “ “ Land bought of the city, . . . . .                      | 209 06             |
| “ “ “ for the current expenses of the Institution, 1878 15        |                    |
| “ 13 Shares in Merchants Bank, . . . . .                          | 1300 00            |
| “ Cash on hand Nov. 3, 1847, . . . . .                            | 361 23             |
|                                                                   | <u>\$17,248 44</u> |

D. LEROW, *Treasurer.*

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The undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find the same correct and satisfactorily vouched, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of three hundred and sixty-one dollars twenty-three cents together with certificates of thirteen Shares in the Merchants Bank in Boston.

S. H. WALLEY, }
ALBERT HOBART, } *Auditors.*

Boston, Nov. 3, 1847.

FIFTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

NOVEMBER, 1848.

"When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take
me up."—Psalm xxxvii. 10.

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Donations in money, goods, provisions, clothing, &c., will be very gratefully accepted.

The thanks of the Board are respectfully tendered to all who have so generously aided them the past year.

☞ Residence of the Treasurer, 58 Allen Street.

ANNUAL REPORT.

It is with no common feelings of grateful and humble thanksgiving, that your Board of Managers greet you on this, the Fifteenth Anniversary of the Boston Children's Friend Society. Hitherto its anniversaries have been held in various places hired for the occasion; now, we gather around us its friends and patrons, in this commodious edifice, — erected for the home of the destitute, and of the forsaken, — among whom are children, whose widowed mothers are prevented by stern necessity from fulfilling those duties to which maternal tenderness prompts.

These walls have risen, and these comfortable apartments have been fitted up by the liberality of our fellow-citizens, who, some in large, and others in small sums, have, according to their ability, swelled this stream of beneficence, which is destined to gladden with moral health and vigor, what might else be the abodes of stealthy vice, or of bold and heaven-daring crime.

I am sure none will regret having made an investment

here ; whether it be in dollars and cents, in time, or in every-day pains taking self-denying labour ; for which money itself is but a partial equivalent. Yes, we see around us those, whose countenances tell us that they have, even now, their reward. Oh, it is no common privilege to be permitted to do good, — to communicate of our substance to those that need. The word of inspiration declares that with such sacrifice God is well pleased.

Let each of us remember how small are the tributaries, that, flowing into our mountain streams, swell them into fertilizing rivers, which make our meadows smile in beauty, and the golden harvest to reward the laborer's toil. Let the rich, then, give of their abundance ; let him that has competence give of his competency ; and let the poor give of his poverty ; — remembering, that a cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple shall by no means lose its reward.

Among those who contributed liberally towards the erection of this house, one, John D. Williams, Esq., has, during the Summer, in a good old age, been gathered to his fathers ; having bequeathed to kindred institutions, and to others for the promotion of science, a portion of his industriously-acquired wealth. To our gratitude for the aid he extended to this Institution in its exigency, we would now add the unfeigned tribute of our respect for his worth and many excellencies.

We have enjoyed during the year an unwonted share of health. No vacancy by death has occurred in the Board of Managers; and, though a season of rather unusual sickness, this numerous family, numbering about seventy, has been exempted from a single case of epidemic. Three of our number have died. Two in April, within a day or two of each other, just before the family removed to this house. One was the little girl spoken of in a previous Report, whom we had placed for a time in the hospital, but who was returned to us, as incurable. The other, a very interesting child of eleven years who had been placed in the Institution a few months before in a very delicate state of health, which terminated in consumption. The Matron speaks of her as an uncommonly lovely child; amiable in deportment, truthful, respectful, and obedient to those who had the charge of her. She loved to read the Bible, and to commit to memory hymns, selecting those which expressed love to the Saviour, and the need of his redemption.

As her illness increased, she gave very pleasing indications of piety. On one occasion she was asked by one of the ladies who visited her, which she would prefer if left to her choice, to live or to die. Turning her eye, which was expressive of entire intelligence, on the inquirer, she replied, "Just as God pleases." To the thoughtful mind how much is comprised in these four words. The

last night of her life was spent in singing, in a sweetly plaintive voice, verses of the hymns which she had learned. She died just at the dawn of the holy Sabbath ; and the little ransomed spirit, we doubt not, perfected in heaven the songs of infant piety begun on earth, — encircled in the arms of His love, who said, of such is the kingdom of heaven.

The third death was that of a little girl, the daughter of a respectable Irish emigrant ; who, in seeking to improve his condition, had followed the tide of immigration to this country ; but unfortunately at the time when the ship fever was taking off so many of his fellow-countrymen. — His wife took it on board ship, and died soon after their arrival ; leaving him among strangers, with three children.

Through one of our city missionaries, he obtained an introduction to one of the Managers, on whom he made a very favorable impression. He appeared industrious, and desirous of obtaining work ; asking the charity of the Institution only until he could get regular employment. He seemed deeply to value the protection and comforts, which the Institution extended to his little homeless ones. The entrance of the children was necessarily deferred a few weeks after his application, in consequence of their having taken the whooping-cough. The boy was vigorous and healthy ; the little girl evidently feeble and diseased, when she entered ; and in a few weeks symptoms of dropsy on

the brain appeared which soon terminated her life. The Matron remarked, that though her coming introduced death into their new home, it was to her a great satisfaction to have been instrumental in ministering, even for so short a time, to the comfort of the little sufferer, and in prayer committing the spirit to Him who gave it. The father, who had obtained employment in a neighboring town, attended the funeral, and expressed much gratitude for the kind attention his child had received. It is good for us to keep ever in remembrance the oft-repeated injunction of God to his chosen people : — “to remember the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow.” In a land overflowing with the bounties of an indulgent Providence, we surely need not withhold our hand.

With the increase of the numbers in this Institution, is, a proportioned increase in our current expenses. We regret to say that, during the year, in the items of necessary daily expenditure we have fallen behind ; and have not the means of paying debts, which should be promptly discharged.

Our annual subscription is but two dollars ; why should not the list be increased two, even three-fold ? This would be a sure dependence ; and would keep up a living, active interest in the Institution. Life-memberships of twenty-five dollars would be peculiarly serviceable at this time.

There are also debts due for the erection of the house to the amount of two thousand five hundred and twenty three dollars ; and it is also estimated that, to complete the premises the sum of three hundred dollars will be required. Are there not benevolent, true-hearted philanthropists, among our fellow citizens, who will come forward and insure the amount requisite to relieve the Institution from all indebtedness ?

We are grateful beyond what we can express for the generous aid we have received. We want to say personally to every donor,—we thank you from the depths of our hearts.

The blessing of him that was ready to perish has been, and will still be yours.—The furnishing of the house thus far, has, with few exceptions, been the gratuity of kind friends.—A lady of Mr. Kirk's church gave one hundred dollars for furnishing the ladies' committee room. Two ladies of St. Paul's church collected one hundred dollars for furnishing other rooms. The Union Sewing Circle, which from year to year, has aided us with the fruits of its industry, has this year furnished with great comfort and convenience the Matron's room ; and a kind friend, unknown to us, has provided a carpet for another room. From Dr. Lawrence, of the Children's Infirmary, we have received some articles of furniture ; and from Amos Lawrence, Esq., materials for winter clothing ; and from

Miss Elizabeth Joy, her annual donation of stockings and other articles of apparel. Two gentlemen of the Board of Advisors have presented to the Institution a portrait of our esteemed president richly framed; and which is designed to adorn the walls of the committee room. The Massachusetts Bible Society, has furnished bibles for every room in the house; and the American Tract Society, has presented us with one of its libraries; which we hope may be from time to time so increased, as to be a very valuable appendage to the Institution. We have also received other donations of books and periodicals; of bread, groceries, clothing, and bedding, which were most acceptable. There have been several instances in which a personal interest has been manifested in the children which it would be pleasant to mention. One we will name that occurred in connection with the Sunday School of Mr. Oviatt's church where they attend on the Sabbath.

An excursion into the country had been arranged for that school, and it was notified on the previous Sunday. The children of the Institution had been led to suppose that they would not participate in it as the price of the tickets involved an expense greater than they were warranted to incur. But joy beamed in many a glad eye when, on the evening previous, their kind friend the superintendent, called and left tickets gratuitously, for as many of the children as were of a suitable age to go.—Such a thoughtful

regard for the orphan and destitute, claims indeed the tribute of our grateful acknowledgments. A pleasure perhaps purchased for them by some self-denial in those who bestowed it.

During the past year, we have admitted sixty children ; returned to their friends seventeen ; placed at service one ; there have been adopted by benevolent individuals two ; present number sixty-seven. The house, when all the rooms shall have been furnished, will accommodate more than one hundred children. That there are at this time, in our city, quite this number who should share in the benefits of this Institution, we do not doubt ; neither can we withhold the belief that, within the coming year, we shall be supplied with the means of furnishing the other dormitories for their reception. The rapid increase of the population, and the no less rapid growth of the prosperity of our city, which every citizen stands pledged to promote ; and which was so happily evinced in the energy and promptness, with which very recently have been carried into operations the measures for supplying every family with the means of physical health and comfort ; show very plainly that the means will not be withheld necessary to sustain those Institutions which labor (in their sphere) to secure moral health by preventing that increase of pauperism and vice, which form so painful a feature of most populous cities. Can we not be an exception to this, if we

aim steadily at the end ; using the means which our common Christianity points out ? And what citizen is there among us, who would not rejoice in such a distinction ? We are aware that it is thought by many, that the rapid increase of our foreign population presents an insuperable obstacle. But we cannot think so. True, it makes much more for us to do ; for we must labor to abolish every tendency to hereditary pauperism ; and endeavor to inspire this class with the habits of industry, and self-reliance, which characterize our New England population. With the many incentives to industry, and the remuneration which all labor secures in our country, this effort cannot be in vain. How invariably, when the morals are sound ; the second generation having received the benefits of our school system, become identified with us, and in the varied occupations of life, in the language of the political economist, become themselves the producers, and pay back in what they contribute to the common prosperity, all that Society may have done for them.

Did not the appearance of the several associations whose banners designated their foreign extract, and who made so respectable a portion of the imposing procession that threaded our streets on the late joyous festival, illustrate this fact ? I think every one must have felt, that the blessings of our own Institutions, however unsuccessful be the attempts to

adopt them at home ; accomplish all that we desire for those who transplant themselves to our shores.

But we fear we have even now trespassed our proper limits ; and will close our Report by commending this Institution to the continued, may we not hope, increased benefactions of this community.

The blessings of an indulgent Providence have rested upon it ; we will not distrust that Providence for the future. In our necessities we will look up to Him, who rejects not the cry of the needy, and whose tender mercies are over all His works.

In behalf of the Board of Managers,

SARAH W. CUSHING, *Secretary.*

Boston, Nov. 8th, 1848.

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 " Martha W. Weld
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 Miss Mary Yendall

The Treasurer's Account Current with the Boston Children's
Friend Society :

CR.

By Cash on hand Nov. 4, 1847,	\$ 369 83
“ 13 Shares Merchants Bank Stock,	1300 00
“ Cash received for Interest and Dividend,	565 46
“ “ “ Legacy of the late Wm. Reynolds,	500 00
“ “ “ at the Annual Collection,	170 00
“ “ “ of J. C. Howe & Co.,	5074 44
“ “ “ 18 Life Members,	450 00
“ “ “ Annual Subscribers,	482 00
“ “ “ for the Board of Children,	378 90
“ “ “ of sundry Donors,	70 87
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	\$9361 50

DR.

To Cash paid for building House and grading the grounds,	\$7888 79
To Cash paid for the current expenses of the House,	1426 75
To Cash on hand,	45 96
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	\$9361 50

There are debts to the amount of about Four Hundred Dollars
due for the current expenses of the Institution.

D. LEROW, *Treasurer.*

Boston, Nov. 7th, 1848.

Boston, Nov. 7, 1848.

The undersigned having examined the foregoing account, find
the same correct and satisfactorily vouched, leaving in the hands
of the Treasurer Forty-five Dollars $\frac{96}{100}$.

S. H. WALLEY, }
ALBERT HOBART, } *Auditors.*

SIXTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

NOVEMBER, 1849.

Do good and lend, hoping for nothing again ; and your reward shall be great ;
and ye shall be the children of the Highest.

B O S T O N :

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1849.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

THE recurrence of anniversaries of benevolent institutions, as well as of other anniversaries in our lives, usually awaken in our minds trains of thought alternating with memories both pleasant and painful. In this world of probation, in which life is a school of discipline, he must have been a very inattentive pupil who has not in a twelve-month learned some profitable lesson. To effect this object, how varied are the instruments employed by the Great Teacher. At one time the gourd which grew up in grace and beauty, promising the shade and retreat which we coveted, is suddenly blighted and withered ; — at another time, the ties of filial love, strengthened by years and the counsels of wisdom from the venerated and the good, the wise and the holy, are severed ; — for a time, we feel as if we also would mount upwards, but again resolve to gird ourselves with renewed vigor for the duties of life, from the conviction that another of the faithful has failed from among the children of men.

But it is not in the death of friends alone that lessons of wisdom are taught ; but also in the bestowment of friends, and in the multiplication of our sources of enjoyment ; in the success which may have attended our worldly plans, as well as in the disappointment which may have frustrated our best concerted schemes for the attainment of wealth or honor. Each was intended to teach us some profitable lesson. Have

we learned it? If we have, we shall say with the patriarch of old, "*Who teacheth like God?*"

That such reflections should be present to many minds at this time, is at least probable. May we not then be permitted to inquire what relation they may be made to bear on the interests of this charitable Institution whose anniversary we now celebrate, and whose necessities we are again called to urge upon this benevolent community? Already the frequent application for the admission of children of tender age, deprived the past summer of a mother's care and a mother's love, by that mysterious agent which the Almighty has permitted to visit us from eastern shores, and from which the utmost vigilance and care did not exempt our own city, makes us feel that the hand of charity must be opened wider, to meet the increased demands which our Father in Heaven makes upon us in behalf of his suffering and needy children.

Those who suffer under all the alleviating circumstances which care and affluence bestow, must surely feel that it is no stinted measure that they owe to their Lord.

And are there not among us others who, as they from time to time heard of one and of another stricken down by the pestilence, have realized, as they never did before, the slight tenure by which they hold life and its enjoyments? Must not such, especially if their own immediate circles have been unbroken; if on them prosperity still smiles, view life and its duties in a different light from what they ever did before? The prosperity and exemption from suffering that harden the heart, that steel it against the woes of humanity, may well be deprecated. Such prosperity is no evidence of the Father's love and favor; in its reception He is forgotten, and the claims of his creatures pressing upon us from their relation to Him, as well as to ourselves, are disregarded. It is that prosperity that softens the heart, which makes the full flow of generous and benevolent affections gush out in health and beauty, dispensing good, and diffusing happiness, that indicates the smile of

Heaven, hushes the whispers of envy, and writes the possessor *blessed*.

We will now glance at the history of this Institution, the past year, which has been one not without much solicitude to its managers. In our last Report, we stated that, in the items of necessary daily expenditure, we had fallen behind; and that, as we depended almost wholly on annual subscriptions to meet our current expenses, we urged upon our collectors to increase fourfold, at least, the list of subscribers. This has been done to a very limited extent, so that we fall still further behind the present year. Yet we cannot distrust this benevolent community. We feel that the effort has not been made so thoroughly as the exigency required. The annual subscription is but two dollars; with a knowledge of these facts, we feel assured that a personal application will not be rejected. As Managers of the Society, the injunction to owe no man anything presses upon us as strongly as upon individuals. Yet at almost every meeting of the Board, bills unpaid have made us feel most humiliatingly that we do not and cannot comply with this apostolic injunction. It has indeed hung like an incubus upon us; for with a house in every respect what we could wish, with all the appliances of health and comfort, in which a hundred children could conveniently be provided for; we have reduced the number to less than fifty. During the year, thirty-two have left the Institution, some of whom have been restored to their friends, having been only temporarily placed in the Institution; others have been adopted by benevolent individuals, and others have been placed at service. Having been able thus to reduce the number dependent upon us, we have not felt warranted to increase it, till our debts were liquidated. We do most earnestly desire that this may be done, that we may not have the painful necessity of refusing the *calls*, may we not say the *claims*, which will be made upon us as the inclement season advances. It is hard to refuse suffering childhood, to withhold the active sympathy and efficient

relief which the heart prompts. We believe that the call we shall now make will be responded to. We pledge ourselves to endeavor wisely and discriminatingly to carry out the benevolent designs set forth in the constitution of this Society.

The late Henry Todd, Esq., a gentleman of extensive travel, nice observation, and discriminating judgment, examined the principles upon which this Institution was founded; he was so well satisfied with them, and that in their workings they would produce great good in this community, that he made a bequest of \$2,000 to our Society, to aid in its interesting labors. This sum has gone to the discharge of the debt upon the house, which we mentioned in the last Report. There still remains due upon that debt about \$1,200; but we believe there are other noble-minded, generous spirits, that will come forward and enable us to cancel the whole. From the treasurer's report it will be seen that we have received a donation of \$100 from Samuel Johnson, Esq., one of \$74 from John Tappan, Esq.; also donations of \$50 each from James F. Baldwin, Esq., Robert G. Shaw, Esq., and J. C. Howe, Esq.; and in donations of from one to twenty dollars, the sum of \$210.

Mrs. Seth Bliss has received donations to the amount of \$62,78, which have been expended by her for the Institution. She has also received donations of useful articles to the amount of \$64,27. The Charles Street Sewing Circle have sent us articles of useful clothing for the children, and materials from benevolent individuals to be made up for them—all of which we most gratefully acknowledge.

A teacher from the Institution for the Blind kindly offered to instruct the children gratuitously in vocal music. This could not be well done without a piano. Application was made by one of our Board of Advisers to Mr. Chickering, who in a very prompt and gentlemanly manner gave us the use of the fine instrument you now see before you. We feel deeply indebted to him, not only for the favor, but for the *manner* in

which it was conferred. We cannot withhold the expression of our gratitude to those gentlemen of the Board of Advisers who have given so much time to the improvement of the premises, in grading the ground, and in setting out trees, shrubs, &c.

We have no incidents of special interest to present to you. The measles which spread through the Institution last spring, were generally of a mild character, and all the children did well. We mention with gratitude the entire exemption from any case of the prevailing epidemic. Our teacher, Miss Barker, in consequence of impaired health, was obliged to leave for a few months, but we are happy to say she has been able to resume her duties. Of the four deaths which have occurred during the year, the first was a little girl of seven years, who died of the typhoid fever. She was a very promising child. For some time previous to her sickness, she had manifested great interest in the study of the Bible, and an intelligent attention, unusual at her age, to the instructions given her by her teacher. On the day of her death she expressed her love to the Saviour, and repeated audibly His invitations and promises to little children. Her teacher remarks that they had reason to hope that she had for some time been preparing to enter the fold of the good Shepherd. The second was a bright little girl of French extraction, a boarder in the family, who died of dropsy on the brain. The third, a girl of ten years, who inherited a very feeble constitution, and but for the care and watchfulness she received in the Institution, would probably not have lived so long. The fourth was a little infant of three months, brought to the Institution in entire destitution. Its mother had died of the cholera ; its father was in California. Deprived of its natural aliment at so tender an age, it was reduced to great weakness. It seemed, however, at first to brighten in the sunshine of kindness, and the infant smile with which it looked upon its attendants, spoke the gratitude which words could not yet utter—but it soon sank away, surviving only a week after it was brought to the Institution.

Among those who have been associated with us, we have the past season been deprived by death of one who, as a collector, had faithfully served the Society. In the death of Mrs. Proctor, we and kindred societies have sustained a great loss. But if in the remoter circles this bereavement is so deeply felt, how sad must be the void in that immediate circle of kindred and friends, where, prompt to duty's and affection's call, she moved, the light, the loved of all. To these thrice bereaved ones, we tender our kindest and most heartfelt sympathy—with them we follow the spirits of the departed to the world of light and of love. For such we sorrow, but it is a sorrow radiant with the Christian's hope.

In conclusion, we would again advert to the necessity of increasing greatly our list of subscribers. We believe that the remaining debt on these premises, now reduced to so comparatively small a sum, will not be suffered to remain another year. We ask each collector to make herself responsible for a certain number of new subscribers. And we hope that the modest and benevolent, in making this appeal—in some instances their first essay in this self-denying labor—may not be chilled by coldness, or repulsed by indifference.

“The heart, the heart! oh let it spare
A sigh for others' pain.
The breath that soothes a brother's care.
Is never spent in vain.

And though it throb at gentlest touch,
Or sorrow's faintest call;
'T were better it should ache too much,
Than never ache at all.

The heart, the heart that's truly blest
Is never all its own;
No ray of glory lights the breast
That beats for self alone.”

In behalf of the Board of Managers,

SARAH W. CUSHING, *Secretary.*

Boston, Nov. 7th, 1849.

The Treasurer's Account Current with the Boston Children's Friend Society:

Cr.

By	Cash on hand Nov. 8, 1848,		\$ 45 96
"	"	received at the Annual Collection,	65 75
"	"	Henry Todd's Legacy,	2,000 00
"	"	of Thirteen Life Members,	325 00
"	"	Annual Subscribers,	533 00
"	"	J. C. Howe, balance of account,	131 00
"	"	Sam'l Johnson, Esq., a donation,	100 00
"	"	John Tappan, Esq.,	74 00
"	"	James F. Baldwin, Esq.	50 00
"	"	Robert G. Shaw, Esq.	50 00
"	"	J. C. Howe, Esq.	50 00
"	"	sundry small donations,	126 00
"	"	for the board of children,	621 76
"	"	for dividends on pledged Stock,	104 00
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			\$4,276 47
Balance due the Treasurer,			207 50
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			\$4,483 97

Dr.

To	Cash paid towards House, Fences and Grounds,	\$1,920 58
"	" " for the current expenses of the House,	2,455 39
"	" " Interest, ,	108 00
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		\$4,483 97

There are from Three to Four Hundred Dollars now due for outstanding bills, for the current expenses of the Institution, besides what is due for the Building.

D. LEROW, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, 6th Nov., 1849.

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find the same correct, and satisfactorily vouched, leaving a balance due to the Treasurer of Two Hundred and Seven Dollars $\frac{50}{100}$.

S. H. WALLEY, }
ALBERT HOBART, } *Auditors.*

C I R C U L A R .

A NUMBER of individuals have, for a considerable time, been pained in view of the wretched and perilous condition of very many poor children in this city, whose parents, from extreme poverty, indolence and intemperance, so entirely neglect and ill-treat them as to render their situation truly pitiable. They have earnestly desired that some benevolent plan might be devised to rescue such from destruction, and prepare them to become useful and respectable. But the magnitude of the undertaking, combined with the fact that so many institutions already exist that draw heavily upon the charities of the benevolent, has hitherto deterred those friends from making any attempt to bring forward a *new object*. The suffering condition of several children at the present juncture, has, however, so far overcome that diffidence, as to constrain them to make a direct appeal to *humanity*, hoping that a due attention to the subject will obviate all objections, and result in the establishment of an Institution that will prove a blessing to the community, while it shall raise from the depths of human misery many an innocent helpless sufferer that must otherwise, in all probability, meet an early grave, or live to grow up a hardened, useless being; and, after contributing to the ruin of others, exchange a life of wretchedness for a world of wo!

In presenting this subject, we expect to be met by the argument, that there already is open an "Asylum for Indigent Boys," another for "Orphan Girls," besides the provision that is made for destitute children from the public chest. All this is acknowledged. But a thorough investigation of the point in hand will show, that there is a class of a very interesting character, who, for various reasons, are not, and probably never will be benefited by either of those, notwithstanding their excellencies and their utility.

Besides the class of children already named, there is yet another that stands in imminent danger, and calls aloud for help, viz., those who have one parent, either father or mother, that is willing to labor for their support ; but while they do this, it is out of their power to oversee their children, because their work calls them from home. It is often the case that they suffer for want of proper care, become unmanageable, get into the company of vicious associates, and are ruined. How distressing the situation of a *mother*, for instance, her husband dead, or worse than dead, and herself obliged to go out, perhaps every day in the week, to work for the maintenance of three or four children. She leaves them, it may be, with an aged relative, or some person who has no authority over them ; they take advantages, neglect their schools, are unreasonably corrected, or injuriously indulged, and the afflicted woman sees them growing up before her, with the disheartening prospect of their becoming odious in society, and likely to bring her with sorrow to her grave.

It is believed, by those who have reflected upon the subject, that an Institution may be raised, that will be calculated to benefit such children, and greatly to relieve their parents, while it will not assume the responsibility of *entirely* supporting the children. The parents, when there are such, should be required to do all that they are able to do. Where the parents are dissolute, however, it will be expedient to take them (by agreement,) from under their control, altogether.

It being evident that much evil results to society, as well as to families, from the neglect and ill-management of boys as well as girls, it is proposed that such, under certain arrangements, shall be subjects of this charity ; and the aid, both advisory and pecuniary, of gentlemen as well as ladies, shall be solicited. The care and government will, however, more appropriately devolve on ladies.

The outlines of a plan are herein presented, and ladies particularly are respectfully invited to promote the object by subscriptions and donations, and by soliciting the patronage of gentlemen and others.

PLAN.

It is proposed that funds be raised for the purpose of establishing a house for the reception of such children as may be considered suitable subjects, agreeably to the principles suggested above. The design is to render it as nearly as possible like a well-regulated family of brothers and sisters, under the care and guidance of wise and affectionate parents.

Those parents who may wish to place their children under its care, with a view to their being instructed and brought up to habits of industry, economy, neatness, &c. &c., and have the ability to do so, shall be required to pay, weekly or monthly, such sum for each child as shall, under existing circumstances, be judged reasonable, and at the same time be more beneficial to their children, and more advantageous to themselves, than to keep them at their own homes. They must, moreover, resign them wholly to the government of the Institution during their residence in it, to be subject to such regulations as shall be most conducive to the general good; the best interests of the family being the ruling motive with those who undertake to manage the arduous concern.

The ages of children at the time of admission, may vary as circumstances shall dictate. And the dismissal of such as shall be fully adopted by the Institution, as well as the occupation to be pursued, shall be regulated likewise by existing circumstances. Some may be best adapted to domestic avocations, others to learning some useful trade, &c. Particular regard, therefore, shall be had to the capacities and inclinations of different individuals, as no one can be very profitable to herself, or others, if placed at an employment for which she has no natural taste or disposition. And the Institution may

be rather benefited than burdened by permitting some of them to reside a greater length of time than others under its paternal roof. As respects boys, however, it will be proper that they be transferred to other hands as early as the age of seven or eight.

Religious instruction shall be considered of primary importance. Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, and Needle-work, shall be taught, agreeably to the capacities of the children. And when the establishment shall have so far advanced as to render it practicable, the girls shall be instructed in the essential and necessary arts of cookery, and other branches of domestic economy and household labor; it being obvious that much inconvenience and much waste of property results from a want of thorough information in those branches of female education.

Comfortable and sufficient food, clothing and lodging shall be provided; and strict attention paid to cleanliness and health.

It is sometimes the case that benevolent individuals take upon themselves the charge of supporting an indigent friendless child. It may be a great convenience to place such a one in an institution like the one under contemplation, the individual defraying the expense, at the same time relieving himself, or herself, of the care and incumbrance. It has often been found extremely difficult to obtain suitable boarding places for children, particularly poor children, where the advantages of a *home* and *requisite instructions* are combined. It is proposed that this shall be a place where the most respectable poor may feel perfectly safe in placing their children, as all intercourse will be cut off between the family, as such, and the connections of any that may be so unhappy as to have connections, that are otherwise.

This interesting object is most sincerely commended to the blessing and direction of HIM who, when on earth, *took little children into his arms and blessed them*, aware that no enterprise can succeed without *His* benediction.

Boston, November, 1833.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This Society shall be known and designated by the name of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, the objects of which are expressed in the preceding Circular ; and which shall consist of both males and females.

ART. 2. A lady or gentleman, subscribing and paying *two dollars* annually, shall be a member. Any person paying *twenty-five dollars* at one time, or in two instalments of \$12,50 each, shall be a member for life. Annual membership for children and youth, one dollar.

ART. 3. The Society shall annually make choice of a Board of Ladies to manage the affairs of the Institution ; by whom a Board of Advisers shall be elected, consisting of gentlemen, who are subscribers or donors ; the number of which shall be determined as occasion may require.

ART. 4. A President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Managers, shall constitute the Board of Ladies ; who shall appoint such number of Collectors as they may find expedient. They shall likewise have power to fill vacancies that may occur in either department, and to appoint the Governesses.

ART. 5. The respective officers thus chosen will be expected to fulfil their appropriate official duties. No money shall be paid out of the Treasury, but by a written order from the President, or a Vice-President ; and the Treasurer shall exhibit at every annual meeting, or oftener, if requested, an account current of all receipts and disbursements, together with the amount of the balance on hand. And whenever the funds shall have amounted to the sum of two thousand dollars, she shall be required to give bonds.

ART. 6. The annual meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday in November, at half past ten o'clock, at such

place as the Board may assign, of which the Secretary shall give public notice. The meetings of the Society and of the Board shall always be opened by prayer.

ART. 7. The Board shall meet regularly for the transaction of business, on the first Friday in every month, at half past ten, A. M., at the Society's House ; and may hold extra meetings whenever it may be requisite, at the call of the President, or in her absence, of a Vice-President, with the concurrence of two other members of the Board. Any number of the officers and managers present at a regular meeting, shall be competent to proceed to business in fifteen minutes after the appointed hour.

ART. 8. A Committee of two Ladies shall be appointed at each monthly meeting, to visit the Institution once or more every week, to inspect the House ; to see that suitable provision is made for the support and instruction of the family ; to confer with the Governess, and, if needful, with the Advisers, relative to the best plans and methods of promoting the interests of the establishment ; to encourage good behavior, neatness, industry, &c., in the children ; with whatever duties may arise from existing circumstances ; and report at the meeting of the Board.

ART. 9. Any member of the Society may present the case of a needy child ; and if, after the necessary inquiries, it appears, in the opinion of the Visiting Committee and the Governess, to be a proper object of the charity, and the funds are adequate, it may be immediately admitted into the house, and await a further decision of the case, at the monthly meeting.

The gratuitous professional services of one or more approved Physicians, will be gratefully accepted by a vote of the Board.

ART. 10. Any member has a right to withdraw from the Society, by signifying such a wish to the Secretary or the Treasurer ; but is obligated to pay assessments, until the desire to withdraw is made known.

ART. 11. Amendments may be made to this Constitution, by the voice of a majority of the members present at an annual meeting.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

Item. . . I, A. B., do give and bequeath to the Treasurer for the time being of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, the sum of _____, for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be applied, by the Board of Managers thereof, to the general objects of the Society. And I do direct, that the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

SEVENTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

NOVEMBER, 1850.

Defend the Poor and the Fatherless;—Do justice to the afflicted and
needy.—PSALMS, 82d, 3d VERSE.

BOSTON:

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1850.

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The thanks of the Board are respectfully tendered to all who have so generously aided them the past year.

The Institution is located in Rutland-street.

☞ Residence of the Treasurer, No. 3 Chapman Place.

ANNUAL REPORT.

PERMITTED in the providence of God to celebrate the Seventeenth Anniversary of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, its managers are cheered by the evidence which the past year has given, of the greatly increased sympathy and favor with which it is regarded by our benevolent community. In our last report, it will be recollected that, though grateful for the facilities of usefulness afforded by our new house, its internal conveniences, as well as healthy location, we were embarrassed by debt, not only on the premises, but also to a considerable amount for our current expenses. In January, a committee from our Board of Advisers was appointed, "to ascertain and report the amount and condition of the property of the Society, its annual income and expense, the amount of debts owed,—and whatever else the committee may think requisite to a full understanding of its affairs." This committee cheerfully gave to the subject the time and attention requisite, and submitted a report, full and explicit on each head. At that time, (January 28th,) it appeared that the amount of debts was \$3385.50. To provide for the discharge of these debts, the committee recommended that an application be made personally to individuals who may be able and willing to contribute towards the maintenance of the Institution. The committee also reported that there should be regular and available receipts, to the

amount of at least \$2000 per annum, to carry forward the objects of the Society, and to provide for its ordinary wants; and that the most certain way of reaching this end, was to increase the number of annual subscribers.

The gentlemen of this committee kindly undertook to make this personal appeal themselves. Its result will be submitted to you in the Treasurer's Report. It is sufficient for us to say, and with feelings of deep gratitude we record it, that funds from various sources have been paid into the hands of the Treasurer, sufficient for cancelling the indebtedness on the house, and also to meet the current expenses of the year. The other suggestion in relation to the increase of annual subscribers, to the number necessary to provide for the ordinary wants, and to carry forward the objects of the Society, is what we have endeavored from year to year to urge upon our collectors. We would now suggest that their number be increased, and their mode of action so systematised, that the application for subscribers be made general. By reference to the Treasurer's reports, it will be seen that the income from this source has not averaged \$600 per annum. Income from other sources being uncertain and irregular, it is apparent that embarrassment and perplexity in carrying forward the operations of the Society, are sometimes inevitable. In case of life memberships, the annual subscription is very rarely continued; and the amount thus paid, being at once used for the immediate necessities of the Institution, no available income accrues from them. By strenuous exertions on the part of the committee; from small bequests from kind friends who have deceased; a benefit given the Society by each of the proprietors of the two beautiful Panoramas now exhibiting in our city; and last, not least, from the portion assigned us of the avails of the Charity Concert, bestowed on the benevolent institutions of our city, by the fair Swede, who has endeared herself to the common heart of our people by her womanly virtues and high moral worth, not less than she has captivated

and dazzled by the brilliancy of her genius ;—from these and other little streams that have flowed in to us, we are enabled to close the year unincumbered by debt ; and all we now ask is, to be enabled by annual contributions to carry on the operations of the Society, and not to be obliged in any instance to refuse any worthy applicants for its benefits. While on this subject, we would not omit to mention various contributions of clothing from benevolent individuals, ever ready to every good work ; and the continued aid from the Union Circle of Crescent-place ; and repeated donations of clothing from the Charles-street Sewing Circle. Mr. William Duet from the Institution for the Blind in South Boston, has gratuitously instructed the children through the year in singing.

Among the small bequests above alluded to, that of Miss Mary Collier we cannot pass over, without alluding to the fact of its coming from one in humble life. Having been deprived of her father in childhood, and being too young to earn her subsistence, she suffered for a time the privations incident to extreme poverty. The orphan's God watched over her ; and in the capacity of a domestic in a family who knew well how to appreciate her faithful services, she found a home and attached friends. When at an age to require for her comfort a little apartment of her own, her industry and frugality had given her the means to obtain it. In this little apartment, in which the sun-light was never dimmed by dirty windows, in peace and cheerfulness she lived till upwards of seventy.

When apprized that the journey of life was drawing to a close, she sent for a member of the family to whom she had attached herself so strongly in her youth, and expressed to her the wish, that the property she should leave might go for the benefit of children left destitute, as she had been. This Institution being named to her, she said it was just what she desired. And a short time before her death, she bequeathed to it the legacy above named.

There have been admitted into the Institution the present

year, 43 children ; dismissed, 26 ; present number, 58 ; Our esteemed Treasurer, Mrs. Lewis Lerow, who has served the Society in that office for seventeen years, has been compelled by increasing ill health to resign the office. We still hope she may be able to continue her connection with the Board in a less arduous station. This office is now to be filled. Among our Board of Advisers, we are pained to record the death of Samuel H. Walley, Esq., who was among the earliest members of the Board, and has frequently presided on these occasions. Among the children there has been but one death, and very little disease. But, alas, death in again entering the circle has removed one, who was of inestimable value to the Institution,—who identified herself with its interests, and served us in the capacity of teacher for thirteen years. Indeed a cloud gathers over us, when we remember that she is no longer here ; and that these children, so loved, so greatly endeared to her, can no longer be benefited by her counsels, or hear her voice in prayer. To those who have been in the habit of attending these anniversaries, the countenance of Miss Barker must be familiar ; and her calm, suasive manner, happily combining gentleness with great firmness, cannot have been unnoticed by them. In view of Miss B.'s relation to this Institution, we are persuaded this cannot be considered an inappropriate time or place, to give a brief sketch of her life,—a faint memorial of departed worth.

Susan Barker, was born in Charlestown, Mass., May 1st, 1816 ; and was the daughter of Thomas and Olive Barker, of that city. Those that knew her well in childhood, say that her temperament was ardent and her spirits very buoyant. She evinced an indomitable perseverance in every thing she undertook. At eleven years of age she manifested a great avidity for knowledge, and was very desirous of entering the seminary at Charlestown. Her mother's circumstances not permitting her to incur the expense, she discouraged it. In a short time, however, the young Susan awakened the

interest of her mother's pastor, the Rev. Henry Jackson. He urged her being sent there without delay, and promised to provide her with books, and otherwise to assist her. While there, it need hardly be said, she diligently improved her time. On leaving school, in compliance with her mother's wishes, and as a more immediate means of support, she attempted to learn a trade. The acquisition of knowledge was still her paramount desire; and her mind sought the aliment which it craved, while with her hands she sedulously pursued her avocation. While thus employed, she devised, a plan of qualifying herself for teaching, as an occupation much more congenial with her tastes. Many young persons of great respectability, were at that time seeking employment in factories. The compensation was liberal, and she thought by this means she might with economy, in a short time lay up sufficient to meet her expenses at the seminary. The proposal was not, however, at first pleasing to her friends. It was suggested, that an arrangement could be made by which she might enter as a beneficiary. Such a proposal was made to her, which she respectfully declined, though grateful for the kindness which prompted it;—but with the consent of her friends she obtained employment in Waltham. There she made many friends, and secured the respect of all with whom she was associated. She was from her childhood thoughtful, regular in her attendance on public worship, and an attentive pupil in the Sunday school. It was while at Waltham, that she was led to see her lost condition as a sinner, and to receive Christ as the only atoning sacrifice for sin. She was baptised, by the Rev. Mr. Medbury, of Watertown, and joined his church.

Miss Barker having by diligence and economy obtained the means requisite to resume her studies in the seminary, left Waltham, and again entered that institution. How long she remained there, we are not informed; but on leaving, she commenced teaching, by opening a small school in her

mother's house. It was while thus employed, that the managers of this Institution, being in pursuit of a teacher for the School, were recommended to Miss Barker, as a person well fitted for the place.

In September, 1837, Miss B. entered on her duties, at an age when most young persons would have sought a very different position. The managers were not long in discovering and highly appreciating her admirable qualifications for the station. In her, were combined unusual maturity of judgment, great self control, and a ready sympathy with childhood. She discriminated nicely between impulsive faults, however annoying, and those which were marked by malice or deceit. Archbishop Leighton remarks, that the secret of controlling others, lies in entire self control. Miss Barker illustrated the truth of this remark. In the school of Christ she had learned much of her own heart, and the temptations incident to particular temperaments. She studied the character of each pupil, however unpromising, and watched over all with prayerful solicitude. That, with a class of children like those committed to her care, she must often have had great trials, is apparent, yet her patient, laborious effort was never exhausted. From the time she entered on her engagements in the Institution, until the middle of last December, she never disconnected herself from it. When, at the solicitation of her friends, or by the advice of her physician, she left for a time, the moment she felt sufficiently recruited to resume her duties, she was again at her post. When invited to situations as a teacher, where her tastes would have been gratified, and the compensation much greater, she always declined, saying that she regarded this as the sphere of duty to which the providence of God had called her. Selfishness, or worldly ambition, seemed to find no place in her heart.

In the autumn of 1848, it was evident that her labors were impairing her health, and unfavorable symptoms alarmed us. It was proposed that she should have assistance in the School,

and relieve herself as far as possible. Through the next summer her health was comfortable ; but early in the autumn all the unfavorable symptoms again appeared. The friend with whom she had been long associated in the Institution, now returned. This was a great relief ; but preparing the children for the anniversary was evidently too great an effort. All who were present last year, well remember a dialogue prepared by Miss Barker for the children, in which the admirable collocation of Scripture and the appositeness of the proofs, struck many minds. Happy will it be for the youth present, if like her they make the Scriptures their habitual study. From them she learned the true philosophy of life, and made their holy precepts her rule of duty.

She left the Institution in December, never more to return. The progress of disease was attended with much suffering. One who knew her intimately remarks : “ For the last three years she made the subject of death very familiar ; and she would often say, How I long to praise God, without sin.” In February, it was evident that there was no prospect of her restoration. Though at times she felt herself, that she might be restored to the work, to which, she said, she had devoted her life,—but, added, I have no wish of my own. If my work is done on earth, my precious Saviour will receive me ; and in heaven, I can serve him without sin. Those dear children, they are ever in my thoughts ; tell them it is my dying request that they love the Saviour. At another time she said to her friends, How is my little lamb ? (referring to a little girl who had come into the Institution when only nine months old,) I have commended her to a covenant keeping God ; he will take care of her.

The last week of her life she suffered greatly from thirst, and continued nausea. She said to her friend, oh, those dreadful hours of suffering on the cross, when no water was given to the expiring Saviour, and here I have so many friends to give me an ocean of water, if it could relieve me. At

another time, having been buffeted by satan, and her hopes obscured, the usual serenity of her countenance was, for a short time, gone. In a few moments the smile returned; when she said, I never pretended to be anything but a great sinner; but "there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus;" satan cannot get *round over* or *under* this. "Soon with my Saviour, brother, friends, a blest eternity I'll spend."

On that eternity she entered on the 29th March, 1850. Having given to this Institution the maturity of her mind, and leaving to it the legacy of her prayers, and the example of a radiant, consistent Christian life. While we have not failed to tender the deepest sympathy to the bereaved and widowed mother, we feel that she is blest in having been the mother of such a daughter. To her the Saviour will be more precious for the grace manifested to her child.

In conclusion, we would congratulate the friends of the Institution on its present unembarrassed condition. The memory of the past, fills us with hopeful anticipations as to the future. In its management we will still endeavor that it shall confer all the benefits which it proposes. This house can accommodate one hundred children. This number shall receive its benefits just as soon as we can insure an annual income adequate to the expenses; and we again appeal to the benevolence of our fellow citizens, so to swell our list of subscribers, as will enable us to do so.

In behalf of the Board of Managers,

SARAH W. CUSHING, *Sec'y.*

Boston, Nov. 6th, 1850.

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By Cash rec'd Collection Bowdoin-st. Church, . .	\$194.75
“ “ Miss Mary Collier's Legacy, . .	150.00
“ “ Board of Children,	368.27
“ “ Dividends 13 shares Bank Stock, .	104.00
“ “ 13 Life Subscribers,	325.00
“ “ Annual Subscribers,	716.50
“ “ Crescent-place Sewing Circle, . .	28.50
“ “ Donations from Henry S. Waldo, .	325.00

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Geo. H. Loring, 25.00	Nathan Appleton, 100.00
Wm. Amory, 50.00	Small donations, 95.50

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To Cash paid Treasurer for money advanced, . .	\$207.50
“ “ Eben'r Johnson in full for building, . . .	1000.00
“ “ A. B. Young, Architect, in full, . . .	177.00
“ “ Loan on pledged Bank Stock, . . .	1300.00
“ “ Samuel Marshall for work on House, . . .	192.25
“ “ Insurance for 7 years on \$7000, on House,	112.00
“ “ Interest,	88.50
“ “ Current Expenses of the House, in- cluding about \$400 of last year's bills, . . .	2813.67
“ On hand,	576.35
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There are about \$300 outstanding bills now due, which when paid, will still leave a balance in the treasury, and also Thirteen shares Merchants Bank Stock, seven of which constitute the Joy Fund.

D. LEROW, *Treasurer.*

Boston, Nov. 5, 1850. We, the subscribers, have examined the foregoing account, and find the same correct and properly vouched; leaving in the hands of the Treasurer, Five Hundred and Seventy-six Dollars Thirty-five Cents, together with certificates of thirteen shares in the Merchants Bank, Boston.

JOHN C. PROCTOR,
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Auditors.

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Item. . . I, A. B., do give and bequeath to the Treasurer for the time being of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, the sum of —————, for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be applied by the Board of Managers thereof, to the general objects of the Society. And I do direct, that the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

EIGHTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,

NOVEMBER, 1851.

"Thou art the Helper of the Fatherless." — PSALMS, x, 14.

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Donations in money, goods, provisions, clothing, &c. will be gratefully accepted. The thanks of the Board are respectfully tendered to all who have so generously aided them the past year.

The Institution is located in Rutland street.

 Residence of the Treasurer, No. 3 Chapman place.

ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Managers of the Boston Children's Friend Society respectfully present to its patrons and friends, their Annual Report of the condition and prospects of the Institution for the year ending November 6, 1851.

Eighteen years have elapsed, the present month, since the labors of this Society commenced ; and on the 11th of March, 1852, the same period will have elapsed since the date of its incorporation. From year to year, its hold on the sympathies of our fellow citizens has increased. It at first occupied a small tenement at the North end, hired by a few benevolent women, who stepped forward to share a burden assumed by one of their sex, whose active sympathy for children in destitution and neglect had induced her to supply a home for them in her own little dwelling, where she mostly supplied them from her own scanty purse. Subsequently, they were enabled to purchase a building, which in a few years was found quite inadequate to the purpose. The sale of this building having been effected on favorable terms, for two years we obtained temporary accommodations for the Institution. In the Spring of 1848, we removed to this commodious edifice ; and in November of the same year, the first Anniversary of the Boston Children's Friend Society was held in this room. By reference to the report of that, and also the subsequent year, namely, 1849, it will be seen that we were burdened with debt ; not only on this building, but even for the current expenses

of the Institution. This weighed heavily on the Managers, though, thanks to the high-minded and benevolent of our citizens, it was not suffered long to cramp their energies, or embarrass their operations. The report of 1850 stated the entire cancelling of the debt, through the kind exertions of our Board of Advisers. The Treasurer's report of the same year, gives you the names of the individuals, who both in *doing* and *giving* have made their names and their memory precious to this Institution. But how frail the record of man, though chiselled in stone, or engraven in brass!—the tablet and the inscription pass from human recollection. Not so the record of Him, who has declared of those whose acts of benevolence are prompted by Christian motives, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

While we estimate as their high merit demands, those excellent Institutions, the Asylums for indigent boys and orphan girls, every year's experience in conducting this Institution has shown how exactly it is adapted to benefit a class of a very interesting character, who are not, and probably never would be, benefited by either of the above named institutions. We will quote the language of the Circular, in its first appeal to the public in the infancy of this Institution, every word of which has been verified by the experience of the subsequent years.

"There is a class of children that stands in imminent danger, and calls aloud for help, viz. : those who have one parent, either father or mother, that is willing to labor for their support ; but while they do this, it is out of their power to oversee their children, because their work calls them from home. It is often the case that they suffer for want of proper care, become unmanageable, get into the company of vicious associates, and are ruined. How distressing the situation of a *mother*, for instance, her husband dead, or worse than dead, and herself obliged to go out, perhaps every day in the week, to work for the maintenance of three or four children. She leaves them, it may be, with an

aged relative, or some person who has no authority over them ; they take advantages ; neglect their schools ; are unreasonably corrected, or injuriously indulged,—and the afflicted mother sees them growing up before her with the disheartening prospect of their becoming odious to society ; and those who should have been her stay and support are likely to bring her with sorrow to the grave.”

Wisely benevolent were those who concerted and brought this Institution into existence. In what innumerable instances has it relieved the virtuous parent of a burden greater than she could bear, while it did not assume the responsibility of *entirely* supporting the children, whom amid all her privation, toil, and suffering, she delighted to call her own. There is another class of children who receive the benefits of this Institution, whose condition involves evils worse than orphanage ; namely, the children of dissolute parents, who are utterly regardless of their obligations to their offspring. These, on being resigned by the parent, or parents, become permanent inmates of the Institution ; and are thus at an early age severed from those baleful influences which inevitably tend to make them pests to society, and ultimately the tenants of our prisons. It is the simple comforts, order and cleanliness of a virtuous, though humble home, that we desire to provide for them ; connecting with it a school, in which these children may be thoroughly taught the elementary branches of an English education ; forming at the same time in them, habits of industry and principles of virtue.

According to our Constitution, we cannot retain boys after they attain their eighth year. We have, however, the power to apprentice them in the country ; and in many cases the Farm School aids us by receiving them under its care and judicious discipline. An incident occurred a few days since, showing that even at that early age, impressions for good may be left on their minds, abiding through life.

A young man called at this house, and on one of the assistants entering the room, she found him casting a very inquiring look on everything around him. "Can this, ma'am," said he, "be the place I have been looking for all day—the Institution of the Children's Friend Society, in which I was an inmate fourteen years ago?" "Being connected with the Institution at that time, I looked at him," said the narrator, "to see if, in the strong manly form of the sailor before me, I could recognize anything reminding me of his childhood. He promptly gave me his name, and I immediately recognized in him, the rude and rather troublesome little boy who often tried our patience when he enjoyed the benefits of the Institution. The tears gathered in his eyes at my recognition." "Well do I remember," said he, "the happy days spent here; the church where we went every Sunday, and the kindness of those who took care of us. Oh, I wish I were not bigger than that little boy, (pointing to one of the children in the room,) that I might be here now. I have learned enough of life since, to value all these things. I did not think enough of them then; but now, friendless and homeless as I often feel, how much and how gratefully I think of those days! Their counsels and instructions have many a time held me back from evil. Oh, how happy these children are." "After some conversation he left us, with the impression that he had friends still here, thanked us with a hearty shake of the hand, and in passing out, dropped the sailor's offering into the charity box."

Though in the daily details of management trying incidents sometimes occur, arising necessarily from the pernicious examples to which many of the children have been exposed before entering the Institution; yet better influences so preponderate here, that a regard for truth, a general conscientiousness, a prompt recognition of their highest duties, for the most part, characterize the circle. Some instances of peculiar tenderness of conscience might be instanced as illustrative of this remark,

but that it would perhaps give too much prominence to individuals.

By reference to the Treasurer's report, you will perceive that the legacy of Miss Doane, of \$3,000 to this Society, has, the present year, been paid by her executors, and has been invested. The late Mr. Ingersoll also left \$1,000 to this Society, which will probably be paid to our treasurer the coming year; also \$100 from Nathaniel Thayer, Esq., and \$100 from Jonathan French, Esq.; also some additional Life Memberships. The "Charles Street Sewing Circle" has continued its kind donations in clothing, and the "Crescent Place Union Circle" its wonted donations, in a similar manner; contributions also in various forms from other kind friends have been received—all of which we most gratefully acknowledge. We have had some additions to our annual subscribers, but not to the extent which our expenditures demand, and which we earnestly desire as the means of extending the usefulness of the Institution. We commend this subject to the attention of our collectors, on whose diligence and assiduity we must greatly depend, and to whom, for the faithful and prompt fulfilment of their duties, the Society will feel under great obligations.

There have been admitted into the Institution during the year, fifty-three; have left for service, or been restored to their friends, or removed to the Farm School, fifty-five; present number of children, sixty. There has not been one instance of death during the year; and only in two instances, except when the measles prevailed, has it been necessary to call in a physician. This is certainly a fact worthy of grateful record, considering the number admitted, and the extreme liability of children to disease during the summer months. The Matron was for a week or two laid aside from her duties by sickness; but it will be perceived that general health has prevailed.

The school has suffered some little disadvantages from changes unavoidably made in our teachers. The present teacher, who

has had charge of the school for a few months only, will, we hope, identify herself with its interests, and find pleasure in her work. Mr. Duet has kindly continued his gratuitous instructions in music.

A vacancy has occurred in the Board of Managers by the decease, last month, of Mrs. Ward Jackson, one of its oldest members, and one to whom the Institution is indebted for much work of faith and labor of love. Punctual in her attendance at the stated meetings of the Board, faithful in fulfilling her duty as a weekly visitor, she became personally known to all the inmates, who associate with her visits on these occasions gentle reproof, Christian admonition, and timely encouragement. The loss that this Institution sustains in the privation of her services, is a loss which will be equally felt by kindred institutions in our city, who shared alike with us her untiring services.

How many also will miss her in those private walks of Christian benevolence, where her sympathy and kindness cheered many a solitary woe-stricken pilgrim in the lowly pathways of life. Here, "*age and want*, that ill-matched pair," were diligently sought out by her, and when her own means were exhausted, she gladly became the almoner of others' bounty. When oppressed with the thoughts of the countless woes which man's inhumanity to man inflicts on his fellow, it is cheering to follow the course of even one benevolent mind, quietly and unostentatiously endeavoring, in the every-day walks of life, to irradiate with light and hope the dark and desponding, and to fix deeply in the minds of youth, beset with temptations and snares, those principles and motives which are the only safeguards of virtue, and "guide the progress of the soul to God."

We close the report of the past year, congratulating the friends of this Institution on the degree of prosperity which has attended it; yet fully sensible that with increased funds, its efficiency and usefulness might be greatly extended. We desire to see it, in its particular department, fully adequate to

the wants of this community, and an honor to our city. We pray you to remember the class we desire to benefit, and for whom we cannot plead too urgently.

“Thrice happy he, whose downy age has been
Reclaimed by scourges from the pride of sin,
And, early seasoned with the taste of truth,
Remembers his Creator in his youth.”

In behalf of the Board of Managers,

SARAH W. CUSHING, *Secretary.*

Boston, Nov. 5, 1851.

Dr. TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH

1850.

November	8. Cash on hand,	\$576 35
"	18. Collection from Central Church,	51 00
December	6. Collection from Burr's Panorama,	130 17
"	16. Donation from James Saul, New Orleans,	25 00
"	21. Legacy from Miss Caroline Doane,	3,000 00

1851.

February	6. Legacy from Miss Ann Orr,	50 00
	Donation from Mrs. Baldwin,	50 00
March	5. Donation from Henry Hull, England,	10 00
"	6. From Charity Box,	2 17
	From Case,	1 12
April	21. Two Dividends from Merchants' B'k Stock,	104 00
	Two Dividends from Ogdensb'g R.R. bonds,	189 00
"	30. Donation from Jona. French, by J. C. Howe,	100 00
July	22. Donation from N. Thayer, by J. C. Howe,	100 00
"	22. Interest on a Note,	300 00
October	31. A Friend, Life Membership,	25 00
	Mrs. Prudence C. Loring, for two Life	
	Memberships,	50 00
	Received for board of Children,	691 93
	Received, small donations,	30 00
	Received from Annual Subscribers,	666 00
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THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY. *Cr.*

To Cash paid Moses Pond & Co. for Furnace,	\$152 64
“ “ Repairs on House,	114 25
“ “ C. C. Mead, printing Reports,	31 00
“ “ for Ogdensburg Rail Road Bonds,	2,722 37
“ “ George Baird, Plumber,	37 00
“ “ Water Tax,	25 00
“ “ Miss Atkins, Interest on Note,	30 00
“ Loaned, with security,	900 00
Current Expenses of House, as per bills,	2,130 57
Cash on hand,	8 91
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C. MEARS, *Treasurer.*


BOSTON, Nov. 3, 1851. We, the subscribers, have examined the foregoing account, and find the same correct and properly vouched; leaving in the hands of the Treasurer Eight Dollars and Ninety-one Cents, together with certificates of thirteen shares of stock in the Merchants' Bank, Boston, Two Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars in Ogdensburg Rail Road 7 per cent. Bonds, and a Note, with security, for Six Hundred Dollars.

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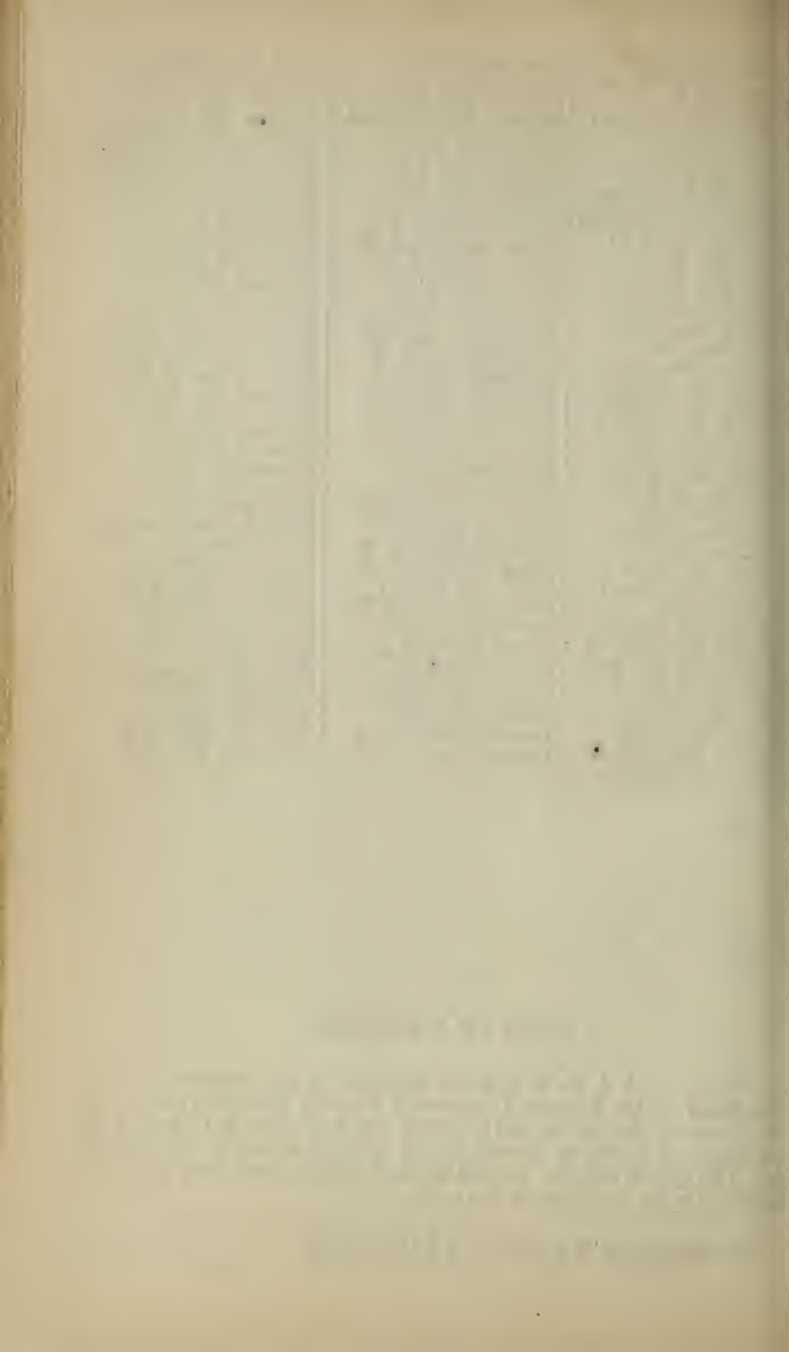
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FORM OF A BEQUEST.

Item. . . . I, A. B., do give and bequeathe to the Treasurer for the time being of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, the sum of _____, for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be applied by the Board of Managers thereof, to the general objects of the Society. And I do direct, that the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

The subscription of a member is \$2 per annum.



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,

NOVEMBER 3, 1852.

"INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, YE HAVE
DONE IT UNTO ME."

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Donations in money, goods, provisions, clothing, &c. will be gratefully accepted. *

The thanks of the Board are respectfully tendered to all who have so generously aided them the past year.

The Institution is located in Rutland-street.



Residence of the Treasurer, No. 3, Chapman Place.

R E P O R T .

IN our last report, of November, 1851, we glanced at the origin, progress, and prospects of this Institution. The facts then given are too fresh in the minds of those who heard it, to require a repetition on the present occasion. The Managers feel confident that they can assure the friends of this Society, who make it one of the channels of their benevolence, that it is noiselessly accomplishing the objects for which it was instituted. We hope the experience of each successive year adds some little improvements in the minor details ; but the principles and objects set forth in the Constitution are kept steadily before the Managers.

To one conversant with a city population, the absolute necessity of this and similar institutions need not be argued. In a discourse from one of our greatest transatlantic authors, — whose works, now in course of publication, are a rich legacy to mankind, — he says : “ In looking at the mighty mass of a city population, I state my apprehension, that, if much be not done to bring this enormous physical strength under the control of Christian and humanized principle, the day may yet come when it may lift against the authorities of the land its brawny vigor, and discharge upon them all the turbulence of its rude and vol-

canic energy." That this strong language was not the suggestion of a heated imagination, but a sober conviction of the understanding, resulting from facts coming to the knowledge of the writer in faithful parochial visitation, is apparent, from the context, to any reader. And did not the subsequent riots and lawless violence in that city fully verify the painful truth of his predictions?

It is from being assured of the truth of these sentiments, that we recall, with grateful pleasure, the fact of the number of children in our own city brought under the influence of our Sunday-schools; the existence of the "Boston Asylum and Farm School on Thompson's Island;" the more recent establishment, also, of the "State Reform School at Westborough. That we have our "Female Orphan Asylums," and various other institutions, aiming each in their departments at the same objects which we, with earnest efforts, are endeavoring to carry forward. Though our influence has thus far been brought to bear upon smaller masses than some of the others,—this does not in the least discourage us. We remember that the little leaven leaveneth the whole lump; that the cup of cold water, given in the name of a disciple, loses not its reward; that, in the season of childhood, early childhood, the most lasting impressions are made; and that it is at this season that the objects of our charity are brought under the influences of this Institution. The recollection of the respectable position now filled by some, once inmates of the Institution, and the comfortable homes obtained for others; the remembrance of what they are, by the blessing of Heaven, and what they otherwise might have been,—fills us with gratitude. With the Christian view of the value of an immortal soul, its capacities for misery, and its capacities for enjoyment, who can be unmoved by the pictures of moral degradation, vice, and misery, which meet us unsought in many parts of our city? To rescue from such contaminating influences, and to

guide in the paths of virtue and piety, those whose susceptibilities are yet tender; to fold as the lambs of the flock those whom the adversary, the enemy of our race, seeks to destroy, — is certainly no onerous task. Is it not rather a duty and a privilege, — the every-day work of the disciple of Christ, as long as he dwells upon earth?

By this allusion, we are reminded of those, who, since our last anniversary, have been summoned to a higher sphere of action; to whom we doubt not it was said, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you." Their deeds of benevolence were done in the name and for the sake of Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of one of these, ye have done it unto me." We are anticipated, we do not doubt, when we say we allude to the death, in July last, of Daniel Noyes, Esq., almost from the commencement of the Institution a most valued member of the Board of Advisers; and also to the decease of Mrs. Lews Lerow, one of the earliest friends of the Institution, and associated with its projectors. Mrs. Lerow served the Society as its Treasurer till the close of 1850, when feeble health obliged her to retire from duties so arduous, but still cherishing the hope that she would be able to meet with the Board, as a Manager. This privilege was denied her associates; her increasing debility preventing her, from that time, ever meeting with the Board of Managers. They, however, often received messages expressive of her continued interest in the Institution, and which also evinced, that, amid the protracted confinement of a sick chamber, and the pain and lassitude of disease, her spirit was maturing for the holy employments of heaven.

"The memory of the righteous dead,
To earth-worn pilgrim's wistful eye,
The brightest rays of cheering, shed
That point to immortality."

In this connection, we may also be permitted to allude to the decease of Madam Prescott, for so many years the President of the Female Orphan Asylum of this city, and also an annual contributor to the funds of this Institution. Spared in the possession of a vigorous intellect, and the enjoyment of unusual physical energy, far beyond the three-score and ten allotted to our race, these powers, with a maturity of judgment the result of long observation, she exerted in promoting the interests of the Institution over which she presided, and other plans of benevolent operation, which shared her confidence. It is grateful to us to remember, that, a very short time before her decease, she named this, among other institutions, to which she directed some bequests to be made, expressive of her interest and kind co-operation. How pleasant to contemplate one, so full of years, yet spared the infirmities which usually attach to them! and how bland the influence of her example on her descendants! Such memories are garnered with pleasure. It is good to remember how many of the cares and burdens of life have been lightened by their presence and ready sympathy.

No deaths have occurred in the Institution during the past year; and such general health has prevailed, that only in two instances has it been necessary to call a physician; and, at the present date, we believe no sickness whatever exists.

The number of children who have been connected with the Institution during the year is ninety-one; remaining in the Institution at the present time, fifty-nine. The number who have left is thirty-two. Of these, some have been placed in the Farm School; others have gone to service, or have been adopted; and the remainder have been restored to their parents or friends. The whole number admitted since the commencement of the Institution, in 1833, is eight hundred and one.

Mrs. Bartlett, who had filled the office of Matron for three years, retired in July, her health not being adequate to its arduous duties. Mrs. Holman, the present Matron, entered on her duties the first of August; Miss Wallace, who has long been connected with the Institution, temporarily filling the place. Miss Weeks, who, for a little more than a year, has, entirely to the satisfaction of the Managers, filled the situation of Teacher, is compelled to retire before our entrance on another year. We are happy to say that we have been able to supply this place; having secured the services of one, who, we hope, will prove entirely adequate to its duties. There will therefore be no interruption in this very important department of the Institution.

The Treasurer's report will present you with the exact condition of our finances. The legacy of the late Mr. Ingersoll, alluded to in the last report, has been in part paid. We need more annual subscribers; and the interests of the Society could not be more permanently promoted than by strenuous efforts to increase them largely. We wish no Collector would suffer her list to remain stationary, but resolve, every year, to make some accessions to its numbers. The Charles-street Sewing Society has continued its appropriations, and has this year made us three donations of clothing, including almost every article of children's apparel. The furniture of the reception-room, centre-table, sofa, stove, &c., were a donation from Mrs. William T. Andrews. Thanksgiving presents, also, which made a bounteous and joyous Thanksgiving within this home, the inmates of which have been gathered from so many households of destitution, must not be forgotten. New Years, and Christmas holydays too, did not pass by unheeded, albeit they appertain more to *Old* than *New* England festivities. We think them right good days for children, and not bad for "older folks;" and we were glad to observe, from the record of

donations kept by the Matron, that they had not been unnoticed.

There have been many other useful donations, both in garments and remnants of materials for use; articles of crockery, &c. &c., — all of which we most gratefully acknowledge. In so large a family, no donations, however small, can be unacceptable. We do hope this will be remembered by our friends.

We do not envy those who would live —

“Far, far aloof from want, from grief, from fear, —
From all that teaches brotherhood to man.”

There are none so exalted in station, or so pre-eminent in talent, that they are not dependent for happiness on this feeling of common brotherhood. If we would rejoice with the outgushings of a glad heart, with those that rejoice, we must also weep with those that weep. Sorrow and suffering, ignorance and poverty, helpless and friendless childhood, each present occasions for the exercise of those sympathies, which, as they flow out in active benevolence, elevate and refine our nature, and draw closely around us this feeling of common brotherhood.

In conclusion, may we be permitted to call your attention to the forcible language of the late Dr. Chalmers, quoted in the first part of this report; and let us ask ourselves if it have no application to our populous and rapidly growing city. Have we no reason to dread the spirit of insubordination, the revolting outrages, which for a time convulsed the city of Glasgow? Was there ever a country in which the energies of man were developed with such amazing power? and is it not a question of very serious moment, in what direction this sleepless energy shall expend itself? The children of our own, and the children of our foreign population, have claims upon us which our own

cherished institutions, and the love of humanity, urge us not to neglect.

In this work the CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY would do its humble part. We will do more than we have done, with the blessing of God, if our fellow-citizens, the benevolent of this community, will give us yet more of their sympathy and support. Swell the list of our annual contributors to the amount which would warrant our greatly enlarging our plans of usefulness. A large subscription-list would tell for itself of the hold which this Society has on the hearts of our fellow-citizens.

The work done in childhood, let us remember, is not easily undone. Here, then, let us plant the principles which will yield the fruits of patriotism and piety, — of every social and every domestic virtue.

In behalf of the Board of Managers,

SARAH W. CUSHING,

SECRETARY.

Boston, Nov. 3, 1852.

1851.	Cash on hand	\$8.91
Nov. 4.	Cash for Board of Children	447.23
1852.	Cash from St. Paul's Church	102.73
April 3.	Two Dividends from Ogdensburg Railroad	189.00
	Two Dividends from Merchants' Bank	104.00
	Donation from S. Johnson by J. C. Howe	100.00
July 8.	Cash, in part payment of James Ingersoll's Legacy	500.00
	Interest on J. C. Howe's Note	51.00
	Bequest from Madam Prescott	50.00
1853.	Donation from Friend by Miss M.	50.00
	Donation from P. R. Dalton, by Mrs. Coit	10.00
	Donation from N. Gregg	5.00
	Small Donations	12.40
	Annual Subscribers	605.00
	Cash received for Note, \$600 }	
	Cash received on Note, 350 }	950.00
	Subscriptions for last year, received too late for Annual Report	39.00
	Cash received	37.67
		<hr/> \$3,261.94 <hr/>

C. MEARS, Treasurer.

Boston, Nov. 3, 1852.

We, the subscribers, have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct and properly vouched; leaving in the hands of the Treasurer thirty-six dollars and fifty cents, together with certificates of thirteen shares of stock in the Merchants' Bank, Boston; two thousand seven hundred dollars in Ogdensburg Railroad, seven per cent, bonds; and one note for a hundred and fifty dollars.

JOHN C. PROCTOR, }
ALBERT HOBART, }
Auditors.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. — This Society shall be known and designated by the name of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, the objects of which are expressed in the preceding Circular; and which shall consist of both males and females.

ART. 2. — A lady or gentleman, subscribing and paying *two dollars* annually, shall be a member. Any person paying *twenty-five dollars* at one time, or in two instalments of \$12.50 each, shall be a member for life. Annual membership for children and youth, one dollar.

ART. 3. — The Society shall annually make choice of a Board of Ladies to manage the affairs of the Institution; by whom a Board of Advisers shall be elected, consisting of gentlemen, who are subscribers or donors; the number of which shall be determined as occasion may require.

ART. 4. — A President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Managers, shall constitute the Board of Ladies; who shall appoint such number of Collectors as they may find expedient. They shall likewise have power to fill vacancies that may occur in either department, and to appoint the Governesses.

ART. 5. — The respective officers thus chosen will be expected to fulfil their appropriate official duties. No money shall be paid out of the Treasury, but by a written order from the President or a Vice-President; and the Treasurer shall exhibit at every annual meeting, or oftener, if requested, an account current of all receipts and disbursements, together with the amount of the balance on hand. And whenever the funds shall have amounted to the sum of two thousand dollars, she shall be required to give bonds.

ART. 8. — The annual meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday in November, at half-past ten o'clock, at such place as the

Board may assign, of which the Secretary shall give public notice. The meetings of the Society and of the Board shall always be opened by prayer.

ART. 7. — The Board shall meet regularly for the transaction of business, on the first Friday in every month, at half-past ten, A.M. at the Society's House; and may hold extra meetings whenever it may be requisite, at the call of the President, or, in her absence, of a Vice-President, with the concurrence of two other members of the Board. Any number of the officers and managers present at a regular meeting shall be competent to proceed to business in fifteen minutes after the appointed hour.

ART. 8. — A Committee of two Ladies shall be appointed at each monthly meeting, to visit the Institution once or more every week, to inspect the House; to see that suitable provision is made for the support and instruction of the family; to confer with the Governess, and, if needful, with the Advisers, relative to the best plans and methods of promoting the interests of the establishment; to encourage good behavior, neatness, industry, &c. in the children; with whatever duties may arise from existing circumstances; and report at the meeting of the Board.

ART. 9. — Any member of the Society may present the case of a needy child; and if, after the necessary inquiries, it appears, in the opinion of the Visiting Committee and the Governess, to be a proper object of the charity, and the funds are adequate, it may be immediately admitted into the house, and await a further decision of the case, at the monthly meeting.

The gratuitous professional services of one or more approved Physicians will be gratefully accepted by a vote of the Board.

ART. 10. — Any member has a right to withdraw from the Society, by signifying such a wish to the Secretary or the Treasurer; but is obligated to pay assessments, until the desire to withdraw is made known.

ART. 11. — Amendments may be made to this Constitution, by the voice of a majority of the members present at an annual meeting.

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THE anniversary of this Institution calls upon the Managers to present to its friends the annual report of its doings. Yet so noiselessly does it pursue the objects of its organization, so much is each year the transcript of the preceding, that we feel we are in danger of falling into a stale repetition of an already thrice-told tale.

To us, however, who are almost weekly Visitors in the Institution, and see these children of neglect, of poverty, and of once necessarily stinted care, gathering around a cleanly, wholesome board, comfortably clad,—their social and moral affections developing under genial influences; or at another time see them in their school-room, orderly and quiet, under the guidance of one whose mind and heart are devoted to the single object of their improvement,—who, from the imperfectly articulated A, B, C, and the simplest enumeration, is patiently laboring to lead them on to the acquisition of useful knowledge; endeavoring to leave a trace for good upon their characters commensurate with their immortal existence;—or if, at another time, we meet this numerous family, at the morning or the evening hour, gathered for devotion; a portion of Scripture being read or recited, one voice presenting the common petition, the confession, and the thanksgiving to the Father

of mercies, whose benevolence permits not the sparrow to fall to the ground without his care, and who regards the young ravens when they cry; — or if, on the return of the Christian Sabbath, we should look in upon them, see them neatly attired, repairing to their Sunday-school, and thence to the house of God; — we surely could not be insensible to the work which is gradually, sometimes almost imperceptibly, but surely, carrying forward through these combined influences in the formation of their characters. In after-life there may be found, among these children of hope and promise, the blasphemer and the profaner of the holy Sabbath; but the voice of conscience still reproves, and the denunciations of God's broken law, in the day of adversity and the hour of calamity, fall with a force that the wanderer cannot resist; and the accents of mercy with which he was once familiar plead in his ear; till, humble and contrite, he falls before a slighted Saviour, confesses his sins, and is forgiven.

We have again to report general health during the year. There have been two cases of fever, which yielded readily to medical treatment. There have also been several cases of whooping-cough, none of which were very severe; and no deaths. The Matron, Teacher, and others connected with the Institution, have also been blessed with general health. But, while thus favored within the Institution, death has this year removed to a holier and more congenial sphere some of those on whom we could always rely as our steadfast friends, and whose faces were familiar to every inmate in the Institution. I know that I am anticipated, when I say that I allude to the late Amos Lawrence, and the venerable Doctor Sharp; names of precious memory. In contemplating the character of the former, we do not dwell simply in the good he *has* done, but of the peerless value of such an example. It was not the shreds and clippings of time that he devoted to advance the best

interests of his generation ; but it was the business of his life ; and, while he conceived with clearness the most comprehensive plans of benevolence, with the humility of a child he would descend to the minutest details in personal ministrations of kindness, to the suffering, the solitary, and friendless. Of him we may truly say, "He sleeps in blessings."

Of the other, who though ministering at the altar, where his lips were ever eloquent in presenting the provisions of the gospel, in all their fulness and adaptation to our race,—with a parochial charge, which in advancing years drew heavily upon his strength,—was yet, on these anniversaries, always with us. His venerable form now rises before me ; and his voice, in all its silvery tones, still sounds in my ears, as we were wont to hear it at the opening of these exercises. Servant of God ! thy work on earth is not yet done ; it is still doing through those whom thy message of salvation won to piety, and who, when they have finished their course on earth, will be added to the stars in thy crown of rejoicing. By those that loved thee, thy knell was rung ; by voices that blessed thee, thy dirge was sung ; and, when the hands that now deck thy hallowed mould shall be palsied in death, other generations will thither repair, and bless the turf that wraps thy clay.

It is twenty years the present month since this Society commenced its existence. By referring to the report of 1851, you will perceive how small were its beginnings, and how truly Christian were the motives which prompted to its organization, and with what discouragements it labored in carrying forward its objects. We remarked then, that from year to year its hold on the sympathies of our fellow-citizens had increased ; and we are happy to say that such is still the fact. We now look forward to the period as not far distant, when the funds at the command of the Boston Children's Friend Society will be such as to

make it one of the most efficient organizations in this department of benevolence in this or any of our cities. To make it such has been, and will be, the aim of its Managers. The state of the finances you will learn from the Treasurer's report. Our expenses have been greater this year than in previous years. This is in consequence of the advanced prices of living, the setting of a new range, alterations in the furnaces, &c. In all the details of expenditure we endeavor to observe a judicious economy. The late Countess Rumford, who deceased in Concord, New Hampshire, a year since, selected this Society among other Institutions to which she left legacies. This legacy of \$2,000 has been paid to our Treasurer by her executor, James F. Baldwin, Esq. Our noble-minded fellow-citizen, the late R. G. Shaw, Esq., has, we understand, included this Institution with others in the city to which he has left legacies. Skill in the conduct of mercantile affairs, it is well remarked by a late writer, is a talent bestowed by God. How grateful to the benevolent mind, when we see the wealth which superior skill enables the sagacious merchant to accumulate with comparative ease, not hoarded with miserly care, not lavishly expended in all that ministers to selfish gratification, in the various forms of ostentatious display; but in promoting human happiness, by the endowment of charitable institutions, the diffusion of education, and in all that tends to social improvement! Wealth, thus acquired and thus used, links its possessor in close sympathy with his fellow-beings. He is not the object of invidious distinction, at which the shafts of envy may be aimed with impunity, or censorious malignity sit in judgment on his motives. The healthful sentiment of a community who know how to appreciate his character, gives him the social position to which his virtues entitle him, and his name descends to posterity among the true benefactors of his race.

We gratefully acknowledge, for the use of the school, a series of outline maps and eight geographies from J. P. Jewett, and writing-books from Charles Tappan and B. B. Mussey. From D. B. Widdifield a thermometer. From various kind friends, barrels of apples, pieces of cotton cloth, sewing-thread, woollen yarn, remnants of various materials, all very useful in such a family. The Charles-street Sewing Circle has been mindful of us as in previous years, and has contributed most liberally in ready-made garments for the children. The managers of the Mechanics' Fair very kindly presented the Institution with free tickets of admission to their very interesting and instructive exhibition. Through Mr. Barnard, they were admitted to the public garden, and also to see the Panorama of the Thames.

On recovering from the whooping-cough, the Managers planned for the children an excursion to Framingham, which gave them great happiness, and contributed to their rapid recovery. There have been one hundred children in the Institution the past year, — forty-two having been admitted, and twenty-nine having left; leaving the present number, sixty-one. Of those who have left, as we have mentioned on former occasions, some have been adopted, others have been indentured for domestic service, others again have been restored to a parent or guardian, whose improved condition has enabled them to assume the charge of them.

In conclusion, we have only to say, that the present income of the Society does not meet the annual expenditure. You observe that the receipts from Annual Subscribers are comparatively small. They certainly should be larger. We are ready to fill this house, which will accommodate more than a hundred, with the proper recipients of such a charity. May we not respectfully urge our fellow-citizens to enable us to do this, either by annual subscriptions, or by such donations as shall give us the control

of funds adequate to its most enlarged usefulness. We must not forget that the increasing wealth and population of our city call upon us to give greater efficiency to our charitable institutions. It behooves the managers of each, carefully to inquire in what way they can make them more effective. Our foreign population must not be neglected. By our systems of education, and by institutions of this kind, though the parents may remain alien, the children must become a part of ourselves. We believe,—for we have the word of unerring truth on our side,—that no well-directed effort for the improvement of the rising generation can ever be lost in its influences.

In behalf of the Managers,

SARAH W. CUSHING,

SECRETARY.

Boston, November 2, 1853.

1852.

Nov. 3.	To Cash on hand	\$36.50
	To Cash for Board of Children	543.38
	To Annual Subscriptions too late for last Year's Report	44.00
	To Annual Subscriptions of the last Year	665.00
	To Collection in Rowe-street Church	106.00
	To Premium on Silver90
	To Balance of J. Ingersol's Legacy	500.00
	To C. G. Pickman's Life-subscription	25.00
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	To Two Dividends on Ogdensburg Railroad Bonds	189.00
	To Two Dividends on Merchants' Bank Stock	104.00
	To Legacy from the Countess of Rumford, by James F. Baldwin	2000.00
	To Balance on Note	150.00
	To Cash for Note	500.00
	To Interest on Note	28.31
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Nov. 1.	To Cash on hand	\$17.29
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C. MEARS, Treasurer.

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Boston, Nov. 1, 1853. — We, the subscribers, have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct and properly vouched; leaving in the hands of the Treasurer seventeen dollars and twenty-nine cents, together with seventeen shares of the Merchants' Bank stock; two thousand seven hundred dollars in Ogdensburg Railroad, seven per cent., bonds; and sixteen hundred dollars in Burlington and Rutland Railroad, seven per cent., bonds.

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C I R C U L A R .

A NUMBER of individuals have, for a considerable time, been pained in view of the wretched and perilous condition of very many poor children in this city, whose parents, from extreme poverty, indolence, and intemperance, so entirely neglect and ill treat them as to render their situation truly pitiable. They have earnestly desired that some benevolent plan might be devised to rescue such from destruction, and prepare them to become useful and respectable. But the magnitude of the undertaking, combined with the fact that so many Institutions already exist that draw heavily upon the charities of the benevolent, has hitherto deterred those friends from making any attempt to bring forward a *new object*. The suffering condition of several children, at the present juncture, has, however, so far overcome that diffidence, as to constrain them to make a direct appeal to *humanity*; hoping that a due attention to the subject will obviate all objections, and result in the establishment of an Institution that will prove a blessing to the community, while it shall raise from the depths of human misery many an innocent helpless sufferer that must otherwise, in all probability, meet an early grave, or live to grow up a hardened useless being; and, after contributing to the ruin of others, exchange a life of wretchedness for a world of woe!

In presenting this subject, we expect to be met by the argument, that there already is open an "Asylum for Indigent Boys," another for "Orphan Girls," besides the provision that is made for destitute children from the public chest. All this is acknowledged. But a thorough investigation of the point in hand will show, that there is a class of a very interesting character, who, for various reasons, are not, and probably never will be, benefited by either of those, notwithstanding their excellencies and their utility.

Besides the class of children already named, there is yet another that stands in imminent danger, and calls aloud for help, viz. those

who have one parent, either father or mother, that is willing to labor for their support; but, while they do this, it is out of their power to oversee their children, because their work calls them from home. It is often the case that they suffer for want of proper care, become unmanageable, get into the company of vicious associates, and are ruined. How distressing the situation of a *mother*, for instance, her husband dead, or worse than dead, and herself obliged to go out, perhaps every day in the week, to work for the maintenance of three or four children! She leaves them, it may be, with an aged relative, or some person who has no authority over them; they take advantages; neglect their schools; are unreasonably corrected, or injuriously indulged; and the afflicted woman sees them growing up before her, with the disheartening prospect of their becoming odious in society, and likely to bring her with sorrow to her grave.

It is believed by those who have reflected upon the subject, that an Institution may be raised that will be calculated to benefit such children, and greatly to relieve their parents, while it will not assume the responsibility of *entirely* supporting the children. The parents, when there are such, should be required to do all that they are able to do. Where the parents are dissolute, however, it will be expedient to take them (by agreement) from under their control altogether.

It being evident that much evil results to society as well as to families from the neglect and ill-management of boys as well as girls, it is proposed that such, under certain arrangements, shall be subjects of this charity, and the aid, both advisory and pecuniary, of gentlemen as well as ladies, shall be solicited. The care and government will, however, more appropriately devolve on ladies.

The outlines of a plan are herein presented, and ladies particularly are respectfully invited to promote the object by subscriptions and donations, and by soliciting the patronage of gentlemen and others.

P L A N .

It is proposed that funds be raised for the purpose of establishing a house for the reception of such children as may be considered suitable subjects, agreeably to the principles suggested above.

The design is to render it, as nearly as possible, like a well-regulated family of brothers and sisters, under the care and guidance of wise and affectionate parents.

Those parents who may wish to place their children under its care, with a view to their being instructed and brought up to habits of industry, economy, neatness, &c. &c., and have the ability to do so, shall be required to pay, weekly or monthly, such sum for each child as shall, under existing circumstances, be judged reasonable, and at the same time be more beneficial to their children, and more advantageous to themselves, than to keep them at their own homes. They must, moreover, resign them wholly to the government of the Institution during their residence in it, to be subject to such regulations as shall be most conducive to the general good; the best interests of the family being the ruling motive with those who undertake to manage the arduous concern.

The ages of children, at the time of admission, may vary as circumstances shall dictate. And the dismissal of such as shall be fully adopted by the Institution, as well as the occupation to be pursued, shall be regulated likewise by existing circumstances. Some may be best adapted to domestic avocations; others, to learning some useful trade, &c. Particular regard, therefore, shall be had to the capacities and inclinations of different individuals, as no one can be very profitable to herself or others, if placed at an employment for which she has no natural taste or disposition. And the Institution may be rather benefited than burdened by permitting some of them to reside a greater length of time than others under its paternal roof. As respects boys, however, it will be proper that they be transferred to other hands as early as the age of seven or eight.

Religious instruction shall be considered of primary importance. Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, and Needle-work, shall be taught, agreeably to the capacities of the children. And when the establishment shall have so far advanced as to render it practicable, the girls shall be instructed in the essential and necessary arts of cookery, and other branches of domestic economy and household labor; it being obvious that much inconvenience and much waste of property result from a want of thorough information in those branches of female education.

Comfortable and sufficient food, clothing and lodging, shall be provided ; and strict attention paid to cleanliness and health.

It is sometimes the case that benevolent individuals take upon themselves the charge of supporting an indigent friendless child. It may be a great convenience to place such a one in an Institution like the one under contemplation ; the individual defraying the expense, at the same time relieving himself, or herself, of the care and incumbrance. It has often been found extremely difficult to obtain suitable boarding-places for children, particularly poor children, where the advantages of a *home* and *requisite instructions* are combined. It is proposed that this shall be a place where the most respectable poor may feel perfectly safe in placing their children, as all intercourse will be cut off between the family, as such, and the connections of any that may be so unhappy as to have connections that are otherwise.

This interesting object is most sincerely commended to the blessing and direction of HIM who, when on earth, *took little children into his arms and blessed them*, aware that no enterprise can succeed without *His* benediction.

CONSTITUTION.

Agreeably to a public invitation, a meeting was held at the Lecture Room of the Rev. Mr. MALCOM's Meeting-house, on Wednesday morning, Dec. 4, 1833, when the following Constitution was adopted:—

ART. 1. — This Society shall be known and designated by the name of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, the objects of which are expressed in the preceding Circular; and which shall consist of both males and females.

ART. 2. — A lady or gentleman, subscribing and paying *two dollars* annually, shall be a member. Any person paying *twenty-five dollars* at one time, or in two instalments of \$12.50 each, shall be a member for life. Annual membership for children and youth, one dollar.

ART. 3. — The Society shall annually make choice of a Board of Ladies to manage the affairs of the Institution; by whom a Board of Advisers shall be elected, consisting of gentlemen, who are subscribers or donors; the number of which shall be determined as occasion may require.

ART. 4. — A President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Managers, shall constitute the Board of Ladies; who shall appoint such number of Collectors as they may find expedient. They shall likewise have power to fill vacancies that may occur in either department, and to appoint the Governesses.

ART. 5. — The respective officers thus chosen will be expected to fulfil their appropriate official duties. No moneys shall be paid out of the Treasury, but by a written order from the President or a Vice-President; and the Treasurer shall exhibit, at every annual meeting, or oftener, if requested, an account current of all receipts and disbursements, together with the amount of the balance on hand; and, whenever the funds shall have amounted to the sum of two thousand dollars, she shall be required to give bonds.

ART. 6. — The annual meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday in November, at half-past ten o'clock, at such place as the Board may assign, of which the Secretary shall give public notice. The meetings of the Society and of the Board shall always be opened by prayer.

ART. 7. — The Board shall meet regularly for the transaction of business, on the first Friday in every month, at half-past ten, A.M. at the Society's House; and may hold extra meetings whenever it may be requisite, at the call of the President, or, in her absence, of a Vice-President, with the concurrence of two other members of the Board. Any number of the officers and managers present at a regular meeting shall be competent to proceed to business in fifteen minutes after the appointed hour.

ART. 8. — A Committee of two Ladies shall be appointed at each monthly meeting, to visit the Institution once or more every week; to inspect the House; to see that suitable provision is made for the support and instruction of the family; to confer with the Governess, and, if needful, with the Advisers, relative to the best plans and methods of promoting the interests of the establishment; to encourage good behavior, neatness, industry, &c. in the children, with whatever duties may arise from existing circumstances; and report at the meeting of the Board.

ART. 9. — Any member of the Society may present the case of a needy child; and if, after the necessary inquiries, it appears, in the opinion of the Visiting Committee and the Governess, to be a proper object of the charity, and the funds are adequate, it may be immediately admitted into the House, and await a further decision of the case at the monthly meeting.

The gratuitous professional services of one or more approved Physicians will be gratefully accepted by a vote of the Board.

ART. 10. — Any member has a right to withdraw from the Society, by signifying such a wish to the Secretary or the Treasurer; but is obligated to pay assessments, until the desire to withdraw is made known.

ART. 11. — Amendments may be made in this Constitution, by the voice of a majority of the members present at an annual meeting.

REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

GOVERNMENT.

THE family shall be under the immediate care and management of a Governess and Assistant, or Assistants, who shall be persons of sound piety and virtuous example, chosen and appointed by the Board of Direction.

It shall be the duty of the Principal to superintend all the internal affairs of the Institution; and, with the advice of the Board, to make arrangements respecting the appropriate duties of the Assistants; to keep a fair and accurate account of all the provisions, goods, &c. that she may receive into the house; of all the articles she may be authorized to purchase, or payments she may make, on behalf of the Board; to be careful that nothing is wasted or misused; and, once a quarter, to render an estimate of whatever may remain on hand.

She will be expected to keep a record of the names and ages of all the children that are committed to her care, their parents' names and places of birth, so nearly as can be ascertained, with any other circumstances relating to the children that may be interesting. She will preserve general order, industry, neatness, frugality, and economy; see that the food and clothing and lodging are comfortable and sufficient, and that proper care is exercised in cases of sickness. She will further see that the requisite instructions are regularly and kindly imparted, and, by a mild and affectionate exhibition of maternal regard, endeavor to gain the respect and esteem of her pupils, and to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

She will maintain family worship, strictly observe the Lord's day, and daily afford such religious instruction as they may be capable of receiving, and as shall be adapted, with the blessing of God, to qualify them to become useful in the present life, and happy in the life to come.

An entire unanimity of feeling and action should be preserved in the management of the family, by those to whose care it is committed. The slightest appearance of the contrary would have an unhappy influence on the children.

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN.

In the admission of children, care should be taken that none be received but such as are proper subjects. Their education and preparation for usefulness and respectability, as well as their rescue from exposure to vice and suffering, being a leading motive in this labor of love, some regard should be had to children of promise in point of *intellect*. And, as this Institution will differ essentially from an almshouse or hospital, it will be advisable not to admit any that are laboring under diseases that are likely to affect the general health of the others.

The ages of the children at the time of their admission into the family, and also of their dismissal to other situations, may vary. But the Board will exercise a guardianship over those who are fully given up to its protection (should their conduct be good), until they arrive at the age of twenty-one; maintaining a paternal care for them, and endeavoring to promote their welfare and happiness. The parents of such, if they have any, will be required to give up the children, by a written or printed agreement, to the guardianship and management of the Board, agreeably to the form of surrender annexed to these regulations.

The Girls after having gone through such a course of instruction as they are adapted to receive, and their capacities having so far developed themselves as to discover their taste and ability for employment, suitable situations shall be sought for them, where they may become qualified to obtain a respectable and comfortable support for themselves until the age of eighteen, or marriage within that age.

After the age of eighteen, they shall receive all the avails of their own earnings, — with the advice and assistance of the Board as to the best mode of improving such earnings, — until they are twenty-one. They will thus be as advantageously situated as are young persons whose parents are able and willing to oversee and direct them, while they support themselves by their own indus-

try; no one having a right to demand any portion of their wages from eighteen to twenty-one.

Previously to eighteen, or marriage within that age, they will be provided for (if they prove worthy), either in the Institution, or in such family or at such occupation as they may be placed by the Board. And in case of the decease of those under whose care they are placed, or of treatment by them which is inconsistent with the obligations expressed in the indentures, the Board reserves to itself the power of transferring the indentures to another individual.

The Boys, at the age of seven or eight (earlier, if needful), will be under the immediate care and direction of the Board of Gentlemen, who will pursue a course corresponding with that followed in reference to the girls,—the ladies still exerting a maternal watchfulness and influence over them,—until they become of age.

Should any child prove *incorrigible*, or utterly *incapable* of being prepared to obtain a livelihood, it shall be kindly and equitably dealt by, and be disposed of as circumstances shall dictate to be right and proper.

The Board, in certain cases, may permit individuals to remain in the family during the whole term of their minority, when by so doing they may be rendered more useful to the Institution and to themselves.

OF PARENTS OR FRIENDS

Who may wish to place a Child in the Institution, at their own expense, either in whole or in part.

As this Institution is by no means intended to countenance vice or indolence, or to release parents from the obligations which the great Creator has laid upon them to support and educate their children, but rather is designed to *assist* them in the more faithful discharge of those high and important duties, it shall be required of those who may wish to avail themselves of these advantages, and *have it within their power*, to pay such sum per week or month as shall be judged reasonable and proper, according to circumstances, by a committee appointed for that purpose. And the parents or friends shall sign a written or printed agree-

ment that they will give up the child or children entirely to the care, guardianship, and management of the Board, to be governed by the same rules and regulations as are those who are fully adopted, so long as they may remain in the House.

If a parent or friend, who, either in whole or in part, defrays the expenses of a child, wishes to remove it from the Institution, he or she must give notice to the Governess, or to the Visiting Managers, whose duty it shall be to examine into the circumstances of the case, and report to the Board or to the Standing Committee. If it appear safe and proper, and that the child will be suitably provided for, it may be dismissed by a vote of the Board or of the Committee, as shall be determined by the Board; which vote shall be recorded, with such items of the case as may be requisite.

If, upon examination, there is reason to apprehend that a removal will be hazardous to the morals of the child, such course shall be pursued as prudence shall dictate, and as shall be conformable to the principles contained in the surrender of the child to the charge of the Institution.

Any person of good moral character, who fully pays the board of a child, may withdraw it at pleasure.

If it should be found, after a residence of a few months, that any child whose board is wholly or partially paid is not a suitable subject for the Institution, the Board shall have the right to dismiss it to the parent or friend who surrendered it; or, with the consent of such friend, to make other provision for the child.

MANAGEMENT AND INSTRUCTION.

The glory of God, the salvation of souls, the prevention of pauperism and crime, and the moral and civil order of society, are the great objects which the "Children's Friend Society" have in view, and for the accomplishment of which, as instruments, they are willing to labor. Conscious that they are entirely dependent on the blessing of God, and the gracious operations of his Holy Spirit, to render the means efficacious, they have engaged in this important work. And as the religious and moral culture of those infant and untutored minds forms the basis on which rests

their hope of success, they consider the duties of the Governess as arduous and binding. She will be expected to take the following items as the model of her course of instructions and management.

She will teach them that the Holy Scriptures are the word of God, and that they are bound to love him with all their heart, and to believe and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord; that they are accountable to him for all their words and actions; that he requires them to pay a sacred regard to *truth, honesty*, and every other moral duty. She will endeavor to mould their dispositions to habits of obedience and respect to superiors, of kindness and affection for equals, and of tenderness and sympathy for those who are less favored than themselves; and to honor the *aged*, whether rich or poor. The duty and advantages of *self-government*, of prompt submission to *family government*, and the faithful improvement of *time*, will be set before them in a pleasing and interesting manner, and enforced and illustrated by Scripture examples.

SCHOOLING, EMPLOYMENT, ETC.

They shall be taught Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar, Needle-work and House-work, agreeably to the ages, capacities, and sex of the pupils. Those who are old enough shall mend and keep in order their own clothes, and, by weekly rotation, assist in the domestic business of the family. They shall likewise assist in taking care of the younger children, that, by administering little kindnesses and attentions to them, they may become qualified for the exercise of more enlarged duties of a similar nature in after-life.

Whenever circumstances shall justify the measure, a suitable person may be employed to instruct them in the necessary and important art of *Cookery*; a branch of female education so essential to the comfort and prosperity of families.

If the weather permit, they shall regularly attend public worship on the Lord's day, at such place as the Board shall direct; and, in the intervals of worship, the time shall be improved in reading or hearing read the Scriptures, and other suitable books, singing hymns, &c., &c., that the day may be rendered happy,

and its return desirable. On week-days, suitable hours shall be allowed for recreation, and regular hours for school.

The Governess shall not allow any child to be absent from the house, without special permission, in writing, from one of the Board.

No relative or acquaintance of any child belonging to the Institution shall interfere in the management of such child, or be permitted to visit him, or her, without the presence of the Governess; nor shall more than two of the same family visit any child at the same time (and never on the Lord's day), except in cases of sickness.

ACCOMMODATIONS.

Wholesome and sufficient food shall be regularly and seasonably provided. The Governess will attend them at their meals, invoke a blessing, and see that proper decorum is observed at table.

Decent and comfortable clothing, suited to the seasons of the year, shall be provided, without regard to uniform. Also, comfortable lodging.

In cases of sickness, medical advice will be rendered by the Physicians who kindly accept the appointment of the Board. And the patient shall be recommended for medicines to the charity of the "Boston Dispensary," unless medicines are supplied by benevolent friends.

The Governess will visit the rooms before retiring at night, to see that the children are safe and comfortable.

No child shall be allowed to carry a lighted lamp or candle to any part of the house, without the presence of the Governess; and the children who are old enough to retire to bed alone, shall be accustomed to do so without a light. This will be done with a view to prevent any unpleasant impressions or apprehensions about being in the dark.

The Governess and Assistant shall never be absent from the house at the same time, and neither should be absent during the night, without the knowledge and permission of the Visiting Committee.

The Committee will examine the children respecting their proficiency in learning, ascertain their treatment, and attend to other duties, as specified in the eighth article of the Constitution.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS.

The children shall rise at five o'clock in summer, and at seven in winter. Go to bed at six in winter, and at eight in summer. Immediately after rising, repeat prayers and hymns. Wash in cold water, comb their heads, clean their chambers, and attend family worship. Take breakfast. Play until nine o'clock. School shall then commence, and continue until twelve. Dinner and proper recreation shall occupy the time until two. Attend school till five. Play till supper. Repeat Scripture or prayers, and sing hymns. Wash, and retire at the hour appointed, until old enough to sit up and work or study one or two hours later. Saturday afternoons, brush or dust the chambers, wash all over, and put clothes in order for the Lord's day.

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Item. — I, A. B., do give and bequeathe to the Treasurer for the time being of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, the sum of ———, for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be applied, by the Board of Managers thereof, to the general objects of the Society. And I do direct, that the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

TWENTY-FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,

NOVEMBER 2, 1854.

THERE IS THAT SCATTERETH, AND YET INCREASETH." — PROV. xi. 24.

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Donations in money, goods, provisions, clothing, &c., will be gratefully accepted.

The Institution is located in Rutland-street.

 Residence of the Treasurer, No. 3, Chapman Place.

R E P O R T .

WE are again convened in this place of pleasant reminiscences to celebrate the twenty-first Anniversary of this Institution;—a day looked forward to by many young hearts with joyful anticipations, and to which your Managers also look forward with no small degree of interest. It is an occasion on which we would gladly awaken in the minds of the community such a warm sympathy and active co-operation, as would enable us, unembarrassed by pecuniary restrictions, to carry out our plans of benevolence for the children collected from time to time within this building.

We feel that you will not weary nor turn from us with impatience, while we proceed to glance at the history of the Institution during the past year. The stream of time has glided smoothly along, varied with few incidents, but marked by the fulfilment of every-day duties, which make up the aggregate of a useful existence.

The Matron and Teacher speak of the year as one of much enjoyment to them,—a year which in retrospect, they feel, should awaken much gratitude, and encourage them to persevering effort in the discharge of duties, which, though sometimes wearisome and discouraging, yet are deeply interesting to them from the progress, general improvement, and grateful affection, which this year, in a

special manner, have rewarded their exertions. In a season, too, of epidemic which has visited many cities, and from which our own was not entirely exempted, not one case of that disease has existed in the Institution. The measles prevailed pretty generally among the children during the last winter; but, with few exceptions, they were of a mild character, and left the children in a healthy condition. Of the few cases of sore eyes and protracted cough, these also were able to return to the school in a few weeks. Of the two who have died, one was a little girl of three years old, who had been in the Institution but three weeks, and had for some time been affected with scrofula; the other, a little boy four years old, who had been in the Institution not quite a year. Under this head we cannot forbear to speak of the kind and prompt attentions of Dr. N. C. Stevens, who has gratuitously rendered us a large amount of professional service since his connection with the Institution.

We regret to record, during the past year, the death of Dr. James B. Gregerson, for many years one of our attending physicians. In his decease this Institution has lost one of its uniformly kind friends; and the profession, one of its skilful and highly esteemed members.

It will be recollected, that at our last anniversary a plea was modestly made by some of the inmates for the privilege of cultivating a little garden; and asking for the adornment of shrubs and flowers, which they would cultivate themselves. This plea has been most kindly responded to by Mr. Wales, of Dorchester, who has sent trees, shrubs, &c., rare and beautiful; which, considering the unfavorableness of the season, have greatly rewarded their care. Vegetable and flower seeds have also been supplied; and so well have they been taken care of, that, considering the space allotted to them, they have had quite a variety of vegetables; such as corn, beans, cucumbers, beets, &c. And the

Teacher mentioned to me, that there had not been a week through the summer and early autumn, in which pretty bouquets of flowers of their own culture had not adorned the school-room. How pleasant, healthful, and cheerful, this employment, even for the tiny hands of children, under the guidance of judgment and taste! We are sure that the means of such innocent gratification will not be withheld from them.

“ The sight is pleased,
The scent regaled ; each odoriferous leaf,
Each opening blossom, freely breathes abroad
Its gratitude, and thanks us with its sweets.”

Among the list of donations recorded by the Matron, we notice two garden hoes and five garden trowels from T. G. Palmer, which we doubt not have been in constant use.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holydays have not passed without many kind remembrances in the substantial forms of turkeys, chickens, barrels of apples, potatoes, squashes, cranberry-sauce, &c. Among the donors we find the names of Mr. Samuel Davis, Mr. Tyler, Mr. James F. Baldwin, Mr. Jabez C. Howe, and Madam Baldwin. From Mrs. Amos A. Lawrence, \$20 to be expended in Christmas presents for the children, under the direction of the Teacher. A Christmas present of two pieces of sheeting from an unknown friend. A donation of crockery from Mr. B. C. Merrill, and fourteen other gentlemen, to the amount of \$15.48; also twenty-four pocket-handkerchiefs. From friends, through Mrs. Eustis, twelve slates, slate-pencils, needles, thimbles, combs, brushes, &c. From Ruggles, Nourse, Mason, & Co., vegetables and flower-seeds for the garden. From T. O. Gardner, a large bundle of yarn and neck-ties. From Wetherel, Stone, & Wood; Dutton, Richardson, & Co.; S. Pearson & Co.; Sweetser, Gookin & Co.,

various articles of dry goods for clothing the children. From the Charles-street Sewing Circle, three donations of children's clothing. Also, last month from other friends, a present of two pieces of bleached and one of unbleached cotton cloth. In September, a barrel of apples from a gentleman in Brookline, a basket of peaches from a gentleman in Dorchester, and two baskets from other friends well known to the Institution. We would not omit to mention some donations of second-hand clothing, very useful in such a family. We would also gratefully acknowledge the high gratification received from an invitation from the proprietors, generously tendered to the Institution, to visit Perham's beautiful "Panorama of North and South America."

The Treasurer's report presents you with the state of our finances. The advance in the price of all the commodities of living has greatly increased our expenses. The necessary article of flour becomes in itself a heavy tax on the funds of the Society. Very timely was the present of fifty bags of flour, of ten pounds each, from the "Boston City Mills," which we gratefully acknowledge. A friend, who has often before remembered us in our times of pressing need, has this year added another fifty dollars to previous donations. You will also observe that our venerable and highly valued fellow-citizen, the late Dr. Shattuck, remembered us by bequeathing to the Society the sum of \$500. We also acknowledge our obligations to Mr. Bates, of Roxbury, who has gratuitously instructed the children in singing, and has favored us with his attendance to-day.

There have been admitted into the Institution, during the year, forty-six children. Forty-one have left, twelve of whom have had homes provided for them; and twenty-eight have been returned to their friends, and two have died. Present number, sixty-five. Average number in the Institution during the year, seventy-two.

Of the domestic management of the Institution, the care bestowed upon the children, and the character of the school, we invite you to judge for yourselves, — not simply by what you see to-day, but by visiting the Institution. On Thursday of every week, it is open to visitors; and your Managers feel assured that increasing interest would be awakened in the community, in sustaining the Institution, were more of us accustomed by personal observation to mark the carrying out of these plans of Christian benevolence. So closely has our Creator linked us to our fellow-beings, that the ear is often pained, the heart sickened, and the tear unbidden falls, at the recital of wrongs, oppressions, and outrages, inflicted on our fellow-men, which are beyond any power which we can exert for their relief. But of the beings immediately around us, unclothed and unfed, whose existence is measured by days and weeks of suffering, privation, and toil, — the result, we admit, often of intemperance and other vices, — it surely will not do to say of such, Be ye warmed, and be ye clothed. God calls upon us to put forth some effort for their good; to present incentives to well-doing; and, above all, that appeal which is rarely made in vain to the heart of a parent, — the painstaking effort to benefit and elevate the condition of their children. The power of kindness to subdue the hardest natures, and to overcome the suspicion and distrust with which they often regard their best friends, has often been proved by those who have tested its power under the most discouraging circumstances. To labor successfully, we must labor hopefully; and we are aware of the painful feeling of discouragement which often paralyzes the efforts of the most philanthropic. The influx of a foreign population, for whom the very means of existence for a time must be supplied, and whose habits at home have placed them on the very outskirts of civilization, — these, with numerous fami-

lies of children uncared for, only, so far as the promptings of a mere instinct suggests, coming in among us and constituting a portion of our fellow-citizens, does at first sight, we admit, present a most discouraging aspect. But should it be so? As bearing directly on the subject, and answering the query in the most encouraging manner, we quote from the Semi-annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Primary Schools of our city, for September, 1854:—

“DISTRICT X. — 15 Schools, 990 scholars. Only eight scholars in this district are of American parentage; but the results of the examination show what a mighty work for our city and country is silently going on in our schools.

“The pupils appeared neat, bright, and intelligent; and gave abundant evidence that they had been carefully taught, and diligent pupils in their studies, in morals and deportment. The examination was satisfactory, very much so, considering the fact that the prevalence of the cholera in this neighborhood, and the location of the Cholera Hospital directly in front of six of the schools and near the other nine, has very much affected the attendance of the scholars. But, notwithstanding these difficulties, the schools have maintained their relative standing in their studies and attendance. The average attendance in this district is the highest in the city, being 56 to each school; and the percentage also the highest, being $86\frac{1}{2}$. In one school, No. 6, eighty-four boys have been fitted for the Grammar School the past year. When it is remembered that these children are generally over eight, and ignorant of their letters when they enter school, we can form some adequate idea of the labor necessary to accomplish such results.”

Other districts present statistics equally encouraging, giving the most cheering promise, and presenting the highest incentives to labor for the young. We cannot withhold the expression of our respect for the teachers in

these schools; who, it is I suppose known to you all, are females. In District IX. the Committee speak of one teacher who had been compelled by ill health to resign her situation, which she had filled with distinguished success for more than thirty years. Think of thirty years of such pains-taking, life-wearing labor! To her and all her faithful associates, as citizens, we owe no common meed of gratitude. We do not deprecate the mingling together of different races in our institutions: it must tell favorably on the future welfare of our country. The providence of God seems every year to be gathering more races hither: let our Institutions all tend to make them a homogeneous people; and, instead of being discouraged at this increase of a foreign population, as patriots, as philanthropists, and, above all, as Christians, let us each, in our several spheres of duty, give ourselves to the work; and, as women, let us be grateful, that, in this ministration of mercy, this work of love for the rising generation, we may bear a part.

This Institution, we believe, is doing its portion of the work. The influences of a well-regulated Christian household are brought to bear upon the houseless, the neglected, or the children of the stricken, desolate, and dependent widow. Here, for a time, she finds for them an asylum, till her own industry can provide a support for a part of them at least: the others she gratefully consigns to us to be brought up in this Institution. Of the children who are placed at service, or adopted in families, we from time to time hear encouraging accounts. Only a few days since, we heard from a child who had been placed in a family in a neighboring State, and for whom we had felt much solicitude, from the fact that she had been very troublesome, and required great vigilance while in the Institution. The lady writes us, that she now promises so well that she would by no means part with her, and that there is every

indication of her making a very useful member of society. We have every incentive to persevere. This Society with larger means could do much more. Every contribution is received most gratefully; but our current expenses far exceed our income from annual subscriptions, and from the interest on funds invested. Again we say, Cannot our subscription-list be swollen *tenfold*; and will not the rich give us of their abundance? Let us each review the past year. And may the memories of mercies and deliverances, of the full cup of joy, or the sadness of grief, which we may some of us have tasted, and in which so much goodness has mingled, draw from each of us the inquiry, "How much owest thou unto thy Lord?"

Let us so answer the inquiry that we may each at last receive the plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

In behalf of the Board of Managers,

SARAH W. CUSHING,

SECRETARY.

Boston, November 1, 1854.

NOTE. — We take great pleasure in stating that such was the interest in the Institution, awakened in the mind of a gentleman present at the Annual Meeting, that he immediately called on his friends, stating the character and wants of the Institution. To many of them it was the first time it had been presented. They responded cheerfully to his appeal; and, to the number of twenty-eight or thirty, contributed of various articles of domestic consumption, to meet the immediate wants of the Institution. It was not in stinted measure, and we hope to be able to state the appreciated value in our next report.

1854.

Nov. 1.

To Cash on Hand	\$17.29
To Subscriptions too late for Annual Meeting	57.00
To Collection in Pine-street Church	83.43
To R. G. Shaw's Legacy	3000.00
To Donation from Mrs. A. A. Lawrence	20.00
To Donation from Mrs. N. Babcock, by Deacon Grant	200.00
To Donation from Rice & Kendall	20.00
To Donation from Dr. Mason Warren's Children	10.33
To One Dividend on Burlington and Rutland Railroad Bond	56.00
To Two Dividends on Merchants' Bank	136.00
To One Dividend on Ogdensburgh Railroad	94.50
To Donation from P. K. Dalton, by Mrs. Coit	10.00
To Legacy from late Dr. Shattuck	500.00
To Mrs. Abby L. Wales's Life-subscription	25.00
To Donation from Dr. Ira Warren	12.50
To Donation from Samuel Johnson	50.00
To Borrowed from Merchants' Bank	979.50
To Dividend from Cochecho Manufacturing Company	30.00
To Dividend from the Vermont and Canada Railroad	80.00
To Received for Board of Children	762.60
To Donation from Mr. Gray	5.00
To Donation from Mr. John Williams	6.00
To Small Donations	12.50
To Needle-Book, &c.	1.25
To Annual Subscriptions	680.00
To Interest on Loan	4.50
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Nov. 1.

\$30.46

To Cash on hand

1851.

Nov. 1.

By Cash paid for Water Tax	\$25.00
By Cash paid Miss Atkin. Interest on Note	30.00
By Cash paid for Printing	86.00
By Cash paid Spence & Son, for Range, &c.	345.83
By Cash paid for Repairs on House	72.66
By Cash paid for Improvement of Grounds	89.12
By Twenty Shares Vermont and Canada Railroad	1992.50
By Current Expenses	3680.83
By Cash on hand	30.46
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By One Share Cochecho Stock on hand	6352.40
	500.00
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To Cash on hand

C. MEARS, Treasurer.

Boston, Oct. 31, 1854. — We, the subscribers, have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct, with proper vouchers; leaving in the hands of the Treasurer thirty dollars and forty-six cents, together with seventeen shares of the Merchants' Bank, Boston; two thousand and seven hundred dollars in Ogdensburgh seven per cent Railroad bonds; sixteen hundred dollars in Burlington and Rutland seven per cent Railroad Bonds; Twenty shares in the Vermont and Canada Railroad; and one share of the Cochecho Manufacturing Company. The Society owes the Merchants' Bank a note for one thousand dollars.

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THE blessings that indirectly flow to society through the institutions of the Christian religion are too frequently lost sight of. Much that claims to be the result of merely human progress, is, in truth, entirely the result of Christian civilization.

An Institution of the character of this, whose anniversary we have met again this morning to celebrate, is one of the offshoots of that religion which brings "peace on earth, and good-will to men," — which insures the happiness of the race, by reclaiming them from the dominion of sin, and enlisting them in the service of holiness and truth. So comprehensive are all the principles of our holy religion, that they are alike applicable to the government of nations and of individuals. Never merging individual responsibility in that of the masses, they press home upon each one of us, from motives of the highest moment, our separate responsibility for the improvement or misimprovement of this our state of probation. With what depth of meaning the question comes home to each of us, *How shall we make the most of life?* A grave question indeed, but one which, if answered wisely in view of our relations to our Maker and our fellow-men, will make us the most cheerful and happy of beings.

Our obligations to usefulness are multiplied in proportion to our moral and religious culture: hence, in every truly Christian community, the various organizations brought into existence by individuals combining together, in order to give permanency and greater efficiency to their plans of benevolence.

Among the various spheres of duty and walks of benevolence in this city, to which you are, from time to time, invited to direct your attention, the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY comes before you, asking to share in your *prayers*, your *labors*, and your *contributions*. We ask *your prayers*; for we act on the principle, that success is dependent on the blessing of God; that the wisdom which is profitable to direct is really the wisdom that cometh down from above,—the wisdom that unerringly adapts the means to the end. *Your labors*; for a great deal is to be done, and great good is only to be accomplished by great pains. A simple impulse of benevolence never brought about great results: effort, persevering effort, is necessary in this world of ours, where so much opposes itself to the right and the good, if we would accomplish any great results. The weight presses too heavily on a few. We must each aim to enlist others in the work; and there is no labor, though it seem small, in this work, to be dispensed with. Each in his sphere can do something; and, in the aggregate, how it swells the ultimate force! remembering it is accepted according to what a man hath, and not according to what he hath not. *Your contributions*; for here are the cold to be warmed, the hungry to be fed, the naked to be clothed, and the ignorant to be instructed. Childhood, in its need and helplessness, asks all this of you in the name of Him who took little children in his arms and blessed them.

The history of the Institution, the past year, presents nothing of particular interest to the merely outward observer. To those who have had the management of it, the

year has been one of rather unusual solicitude. For several weeks in the spring, scarlet-fever prevailed among the children, and to such an extent, that, for a short time, the house had the appearance of a hospital. But we have great cause for gratitude in the fact, that all, with a single exception, were restored to health, which, since that time, has generally prevailed among the inmates.

The expenses of the Society have in no wise diminished since last year. The prices of provisions, including all the necessities of life, have continued about the same. This has, of course, awakened a good deal of solicitude on the part of the Managers. The state of the treasury you will learn from the report of the Treasurer, now to be presented to you. The timely donation of provisions, &c., obtained from various individuals and firms by John S. Hunnewell, Esq., was alluded to in a note appended to the Report of last year. Mr. Hunnewell, being present at the last anniversary, had his sympathies so warmly enlisted in behalf of the Institution, that he at once made a personal appeal to his business-friends, to the number of twenty-eight, who responded, as he says, with the utmost readiness. These donations comprised almost every article that could be useful in such a household; the appreciated value amounting, at the least, to \$200. We at this time reiterate our most grateful acknowledgments to each individual, and trust our friend has awakened in them a permanent interest in the objects of our Society. The books of the Society have on file the name of each donor.

From a memorandum kept by the Matron, we learn there are many other substantial evidences of the interest of kind friends in the Institution. Nov. 29, we find a record of donations, from Mr. Merrill, of crockery, consisting of dishes, bowls, tumblers, &c.; in January, and also in March, donations, from Mr. Samuel Johnson, of pieces of goods suitable for winter and summer dresses for the children; from the

Charles-street Sewing-circle, on three occasions, donations in clothing, amounting to eighty-seven pieces; from Mrs. George Lane, a piece of calico; from Mrs. Parker Fowle, a carpet for the Matron's room; from Mrs. Lambert, of New York, a basket of peaches; barrel of apples from an unknown friend; from Daniel Kennedy, two boxes medicines, and seven dollars in money; through Mr. William T. Eustis, a barrel of potatoes; from Mr. Charles O. Whitmore, another barrel of potatoes; Dutton and Richardson, piece of sheeting; sundries from Messrs. Homer, Cary, Bates, Stevens, and Waterman and Blake; T. Mosely, a number of children's and infants' shoes.

The donations for Thanksgiving were generous and abundant, in the form of turkeys, chickens, raisins, apples, pumpkins, squashes, &c.

The Christmas holiday — the day, above all others, of sunny memories to children — did not pass without its pleasures. A donation of twenty dollars, from a kind lady who loves well to see the joyous faces of childhood, was judiciously expended by the Teacher and Matron in suitable presents for the day.

We find, also, grateful mention made of a sleigh-ride, in which the Matron, Teacher, and all participated, given them by their milkman, Mr. Curtis.

At the suggestion of Mr. Sandford, Mayor Smith granted them the use of the city boat, during the heat of the summer, for a sail to Deer Island. They were also indebted to the kindness of Mr. Hathorne, proprietor of the Canton-street omnibuses, for the gratuitous use of two of his omnibuses to convey them to and from the boat. It proved a red-letter day to them all.

Mr. Bates has kindly continued his services through the year in instructing the children in music. The Managers would most gratefully acknowledge their obligations to him

for the time so generously given to the interests of the Institution.

The flower-garden has also been a source of pleasant and healthful recreation to the children and family. We hope our horticultural friends will remember us in this way, as every thing thus bestowed will tend not only to embellish the grounds, but will promote the health of the family.

During the year, there have been forty-six children admitted to the Institution. Forty-two have gone out, twenty-eight of whom were returned to their friends,—having been placed here temporarily; and fourteen have had homes provided for them. One has died. The present number in the Institution is sixty-three. During the winter months, the number of children in the Institution was eighty-four; and the average, during the year, may be estimated at about seventy.

We have alluded before to the Treasurer's report, and would now direct the attention of the friends of this Institution to the fact, that, to meet the current expenses of the previous year and this which now closes, the Treasurer has been obliged to draw on invested funds of the Society, to the amount of \$1,700. This we have deeply regretted, as it diminishes, to just the amount of interest on the same, the reliable income of the Society. To our Board of Advisers we submit what course we had better pursue. A fact we will state, that a gentleman, a friend of the Institution for many years, well acquainted with its management, has offered to give \$500 towards \$5,000, to be raised by subscription during the present autumn. We feel greatly encouraged to hope that this offer will be responded to, and that we shall not be compelled this winter to refuse any worthy applicants for this charity.

In closing, we would acknowledge, with devout gratitude, all the mercies of the past year. Whether it be the cup of joy, or the cup of sorrow, of which we have been

called to drink, may we receive them alike from the hand of our heavenly Father! May every year find the sympathies of each one of us for the sufferings of our fellow-beings, the children of our common Father, greatly quickened! As disciples of Christ, may we be more Christlike!

“ Wouldst thou from sorrow find a sweet relief,
 Or is thy heart oppressed with woes untold,
 Balm wouldst thou gather from corroding grief,
 Pour blessings round thee like a shower of gold.
 'Tis when the rose is wrapped in many a fold,
 Close to the heart the worm is wasting there
 Its life and beauty; not when, all unrolled
 Leaf after leaf, its blossom rich and fair
 Breathes freely its perfumes throughout the ambient air.”

In behalf of the Board of Managers,

SARAH W. CUSHING,

SECRETARY.

Boston, Nov. 7, 1855.

The following is condensed from a tribute to the memory of the late THOMAS P. CUSHING, prepared at the request of the Board of Managers, and read by Rev. J. C. STOCKBRIDGE :—

WE miss from among us to-day the form of one who loved to unite with us in the festivities of these anniversary occasions. For many years he was among the warmest supporters of this Society; entering with lively interest into all the plans which contemplated its increased usefulness. He sincerely sympathized with you in the prosecution of a work which aimed to bring these hapless ones, whom your charity has rescued from the loneliness and sad prospects of orphanage, under the genial influences of a true home; and he rejoiced at the thought, that into the hearts of those gathered here would be dropped the good seeds that would, in coming days, bring forth the richest fruit. The Managers feel, that, in parting with him, they have lost a friend endeared to them by the wisdom of his counsels, the prudence of his management, and the largeness of his benevolence. Earnestly do they breathe the prayer to heaven, that God will put it into the hearts of others, whom he has blessed with the possession of earthly means, to imitate the example of those patrons of this Institution, who, having given generous proofs of their regard for its prosperity, have now passed away to receive the rewards and enjoy the felicities of heaven.

1855.

Nov. 1.

To Cash on hand	\$30.46
To Subscriptions too late for Annual Meeting	24.00
To amount from Mr. T. D. Quincy, to constitute Miss M. Quincy a Life Member	25.00
To amount from Miss Elizabeth Wales's parents, to constitute her a Life Member	25.00
To Collection in Central Church, including two Life Memberships, Mrs. J. H. Welsh and J. Hunter	122.66
From Estate of late Miss Catherine Doane, through Charles Welles, Executor, Five Shares Michigan Railroad Stock, and received cash for same	440.00
To Two Dividends from Merchants' Bank	136.00
To Two Dividends from Ogdensburg Railroad	189.00
To One Dividend from Cochecho Manufacturing Company	18.00
From Mass. Charitable Fire, Two Donations	200.00
From Richard Hall, of Worcester	25.00
From Mrs. C. S. Kendall, Life Member	25.00
From Mrs. H. S. Chase, Life Member	25.00
From Peter R. Dalton, by Mrs. Colt	10.00
From Miss Nancy Oliver, to constitute herself and Mrs. Charlotte Means Life Members	50.00
From Mr. and Mrs. W. Courtis, through Mrs. S. Johnson	50.00
To Two Donations from Mrs. James Loring	15.00
To Two Donations from Samuel Johnson, Esq., through J. C. Hove, \$100 each	200.00
To Donation from Mr. Charles Cook	3.00
From Mr. Bliss, several small Donations by various friends	13.75
To borrowed of Merchants' Bank	700.00
From Jonathan Phillips, Esq., through J. C. Howe, Esq.	40.00
From Mrs. Edward Rand, Life Member	25.00
To Small Donations	12.50
From Dr. Kennedy	7.00
From Mrs. Adams, \$5; Mrs. Tudor, \$5	10.00
For Board of Children	1,121.34
From Annual Subscribers	643.18
From Charity Box and Case	8.08
From Mr. Quincy Tufts	2.00
To collected from Sundry Persons	47.12

\$4,242.91

1855.

Nov. 1.

By Cash paid for Water-tax	\$25.00
By Cash paid Miss Atkins, Interest on Note	30.00
By Interest paid on Two Notes, discounted at Merchants' Bank, for \$1,000 and \$700	88.00
Cash paid for Printing	56.30
By Cash paid for Repairs on House	187.90
By Cash paid Doe and Haseltine, — Furniture	60.00
By Current Expenses	3,795.71
	<u>\$4,242.91</u>

C. MEARS, *Treasurer.*

Boston, Nov. 7, 1855. — We have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct, and with proper vouchers, leaving no balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The Society hold the following Stocks: Seventeen shares in the Merchants' Bank, Boston; two thousand seven hundred dollars in Ogdensburg seven-per-cent Railroad Bonds; sixteen hundred dollars in Burlington and Rutland seven-per-cent Railroad Bonds; twenty shares in the Vermont and Canada Railroad; and one share in the Cochecho Manufacturing Company. The Society owe the Merchants' Bank seventeen hundred dollars on a pledge of stock.

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FORM OF A BEQUEST.

Item. — I, A. B., do give and bequeathe, to the Treasurer for the time being of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, the sum of ———, for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be applied, by the Board of Managers thereof, to the general objects of the Society. And I do direct, that the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

TWENTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,

NOVEMBER 5, 1856.

"I DELIVERED THE POOR THAT CRIED, AND THE FATHERLESS, AND HIM THAT HAD NONE TO HELP
HIM."—Job, xxix. 12.

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R E P O R T.

THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY gathers its friends and the recipients of its charity together to-day, to celebrate its twenty-third anniversary. In looking back on its history for the period of almost a quarter of a century, its Managers are encouraged to faith and confidence for the future. They would devoutly acknowledge the providential care which has guarded its interests, and, in periods of trial and perplexity, raised up friends who have relieved it from pecuniary embarrassments.

In the report of last year, we referred to the greatly increased expense of sustaining the Institution, from the great advance in the price of all the necessities of living. With an income somewhat reduced this year, the advance in prices has continued. The Managers have therefore been perplexed to know in what way, with an exhausted treasury, they could meet the current expenses of the Institution. It has, in this respect, been a year of great trial to them. Bills have been incurred for food and fuel, which they had not the means to pay. They have consulted with their Board of Advisers as to the best mode of securing an in-

come adequate to the wants of the Institution. It would certainly not seem a very difficult thing, in a community like ours, to secure one hundred annual subscribers at ten dollars; two hundred at five dollars; and five hundred, at least, at two dollars, — the sum specified to constitute a member of the Society. Last year, you will perceive, by reference to the Treasurer's report, that the whole amount received from annual subscribers amounted to only \$643.18. Some will perhaps reply, "You have legacies and donations to a much greater amount." The former, when well invested, are of course to be relied on for a portion of the income of the Society; the latter are immediately used to meet pressing necessities, and, moreover, must ever be uncertain as to their amount, and may thus lead the Managers to govern their expenditures by an undue reliance on an uncertain income. The plan we propose would obviate this evil. This house, a monument of past liberality, is wholly unencumbered. It is located in a most healthy situation; is commodious, and well adapted to its object. It will accommodate one hundred and twenty children; yet the income of the Society has never warranted the Managers to make their arrangements to receive that number. This is to them a painful fact; for they feel that institutions like this, if enabled to bring their influence to bear to a proper extent on those for whose benefits they are intended, serve not only the ends of Christian benevolence and the claims of humanity, but lessen, to a vast amount, the tax of the community for the support of the poor, and tend to do away the degrading influence of pauperism.

With the advice of the Board of Advisers, a public meeting of this Society was held at the Tremont Temple a week or two since, at which the children were present.

The exercises were very interesting, and seemed to have made a most favorable impression on the audience. The collection amounted to about three hundred dollars ; of which, after deducting the necessary expenses of seventy-five dollars, there remain in the hands of our Treasurer two hundred and twenty-five dollars. Of this amount, I am happy to say, thirty dollars is from three ten-dollar annual subscribers. We hope we may be excused in urging strenuously the co-operation of our friends in enabling us to carry out the above suggestions. When we think of the many homeless ones, and the half-orphaned, in whose miserable homes indolence, filth, and vice prevailed, who have in this Institution found a home, and formed habits of order, neatness, and industry, we feel assured that the means necessary to carry out such blessed results will not be withheld from us.

We would gladly bring before you those who have been adopted as children of the household ; others who are filling the places of valued trustworthy domestics ; and again others, who, as wives and mothers, are centres of circles loving and loved. Contrast their present condition with what they probably would have been, — the loathsome excrescences or unsightly blots on society, — and you would realize to its full extent the work before us ; and you would say, that the time and money expended by this Society have been wisely and well bestowed ; the streams of your benevolence would flow out in richer, fuller channels, dispensing moral life and health in their course.

Permit us to introduce a letter received from a little girl of ten or twelve years of age, who lost her mother in infancy, and was placed by her father — a man of roving, irregular habits — in the Institution, when seven years of age, as a boarder.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 11.

MY DEAR TEACHER, — I take the opportunity this afternoon to write to you, and let you know that I am well. I hope that you are well. I am living with Mrs. Clark. I call her my mother, and Mr. Clark my father. My father is dead. He left me here, and went to Pittsburg. I would not leave Mr. and Mrs. Clark for all Indiana. They send me to school; and I study arithmetic, and geography, spelling, reading, and grammar.

Please to write as soon as you receive this.

Your affectionate scholar,

SOPHIA E. MOORE.

Another letter is from a little girl, who, with her brother, was adopted by a benevolent lady residing in a neighboring town. Both had been for some time inmates of the Institution.

HINGHAM, Nov. 13, 1855.

DEAR TEACHER AND MATRON, — Would you like to receive a letter from Ellen? Thinking you would, I am' pleased to write. I have a very good home now, and would be very sorry to leave it. My parents, both father and mother, are very kind to us. Ought we not to be thankful for such a good home? There is very pretty scenery here, and there are some very pretty gardens: mother has one of them. I go to school when it keeps; but there is no school to-day, because it is election. I study arithmetic, geography, reading, and spelling. I should like very much to be with you at your annual meeting, but would not like to leave my school. I had a vacation in the summer, and spent it in New Hampshire with my mother, and had a very good time. I go to sabbath school, and learn some lessons from the Old Testament. I send my love to you all, and would like to see you very much. I often think of you and the children, and what labor you had for us. I am learning to knit, and am going to knit myself a pair of stockings. My love to all the children.

Good-by! From

LAURA E. JERALD.

To Miss PITCHER and Mrs. STOWELL.

We might make extracts from other letters, but would not tax your time. One of the children, M. H., was in the Institution for a considerable length of time. She was an active, capable girl, says the Matron, but gave much trouble by a resolute, unsubdued will. She was twice placed in families, and returned to the Institution. A third opportunity offered of placing her in a family, which proves to have been the situation exactly adapted to her. She has now been there some time. The family speak of her in the highest terms, and say they would on no account part with her. M. S., who received the aid of the Society for more than four years, has been adopted by a lady in Maine, whose letters speak most favorably of her. M. J. S. was received into the Institution when less than three years of age. She has been adopted by a lady who loves her as her own child.

The health of the Institution has, in general, been good. We were alarmed in the spring by the introduction of varioloid: it was, however, limited to five cases of varioloid, and one of small-pox, all of whom recovered. Three of the children have died, — two of consumption, one of fever. In the two former, symptoms of the disease were apparent when they entered the Institution. Of the latter, the Matron says she gave pleasing evidence that her heart was given to her Saviour. In pain and sickness, she was ever looking to him as her helper; and took great pleasure in repeating portions of the Scriptures and hymns which she had learned in health. On the morning preceding her death, she was asked which she would prefer, — to be well again, or to go and be with Jesus. She replied, that she would rather be with Jesus. And, we doubt not, he took her to himself.

The whole number who have been in the Institution during the year is ninety-four. Thirty-three have been admitted; thirty-four have left: present number, sixty. Of those who have left, some have been restored to their friends, some been indentured in good families, and others (always the younger ones) have been adopted. No child leaves the Institution, to be indentured, till she is twelve years of age. When children are adopted, we have no restriction of the kind. Boys do not remain in the Institution after they are seven years of age; at which time, if places cannot be obtained for them in the country, that excellent institution the Farm School comes to our aid, and assumes the charge of them.

Many repairs were needed in the house in the spring. They were made under the direction of some members of the Board of Advisers. We are particularly indebted to Mr. Philo Sanford for much time devoted to the subject. For embellishments in the grounds, we are indebted (the debt of gratitude we mean) to Marshal P. Wilder, Esq., and Mr. Wales, of Dorchester; and for flower-seeds and shrubs, to unknown friends. From Mr. William Tenney we received an oil-cloth for the nursery; from Mr. W. T. Eustis and Mr. Philo Sanford, a carpet for the Manager's room. Mr. Bates has continued his gratuitous instructions to the children, in music, through the year. A box of clothing has been received from Mrs. Hannah Patten and Mrs. Nancy Moore, of Manchester, N.H. The Charles-street Sewing Circle, as has been its custom for several years, has again remembered the Children's Friend Society; and we have gratefully to acknowledge donations of every variety of children's clothing, in January, March, and October. Donations in brushes, &c., from Mr. John

J. Adams, of Washington Street, to the amount of six dollars. For the oil-cloth on the porch, we are indebted to Mr. John F. Pray. And various other articles have been received, including donations for Thanksgiving, of which we can make no other than a general acknowledgment. They will be remembered of Him who said, "Even a cup of cold water, given in the name of a disciple, shall not lose its reward."

In conclusion, we ask the co-operation of every member of this Society to carry out the plan we propose; or would ask of the thinking and benevolent to suggest some other plan better adapted to the object. The thing must be done: we submit, *how* shall it be done? While so much misdirected talent and perverted wealth and influence are swelling the tide of sin and misery, let us remember that there is a river of the water of life, proceeding out of the throne of God, which will flow deeper and broader, carrying life, health, and purity in its course, till this earth shall become a dwelling-place of righteousness. Success here is certain. Shall we not have a part in it?

In behalf of the Board of Managers.

SARAH W. CUSHING,

SECRETARY.

BOSTON, Nov. 5, 1856.

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TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

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1856.

Nov. 1.

To Subscriptions too late for Annual Meeting	\$35.00
To Collection in Somerset-street Church, including three Life Memberships of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Eustis and Mrs. I. T. Heard	127.50
To Collection at Shawmut-street Church, including \$50 from William F. Richardson	112.80
To Collection at Park-street Church	100.60
From a Friend	70.00
For Board of Children	489.86
To small Donations	8.00
To two Dividends from Cocheco Manufacturing Company	41.00
From Individuals in Old South Church, by Miss Gray	7.50
To deduction on Bills	7.25
From a Lady, by Mr. Sanford	50.00
To Dividend on Railroad Bonds (Ogdensburg)	94.50
To Legacy of Benjamin Clark	250.00
To two Dividends from Merchants' Bank	136.00
To difference on transfer of Stock	27.24
To Loan by a Lady, Interest to be paid semi-annually	500.00
From Messrs. Lockwood and Lamb, two Life Members	50.76
From Mrs. John Tappan, two Life Memberships of Daughters	50.00
To eight Life Memberships, — Mrs. James Clapp, Mrs. Horace Breed, Mrs. L. M. Standish, Mrs. Parker Fowle, Mrs. Willard Sayles, Mr. Henry Wood, Mrs. Lucy S. Cunningham, and Miss Wayland, — by Mrs. T. P. Cushing	201.95
From Mrs. Stebbins, \$5; Mrs. E. G. Austin, \$5; and a Lady, \$5, by Miss Bell	15.00
From P. R. Dalton, \$10; Robert Hooper, \$5	15.00
From Mrs. Samuel Dana	10.00
To small Donations, by Miss C. Watts	7.12
From a Gentleman, by Mrs. Watts	100.00
To Collection at Tremont Temple	281.29
From Annual Subscribers	638.50
From Mrs. E. D. Peters	5.00
	<u>\$3,491.87</u>
To Cash on hand	70.00

1856.

Nov. 1.

By Cash paid for Water Tax	\$25.00
By Miss Atkins, Interest on Note	30.00
By Printing	46.49
By two renewals of Note at Merchants' Bank	86.60
By John Spruce and Son	45.00
By Expenses of Public Meeting in Tremont Temple	74.37
By Current Expenses of House for the Year	3,114.41
	<u>\$3,421.87</u>
Cash on hand	70.00
	<u>\$3,491.87</u>

Boston, Nov. 4, 1856. — We have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct, with proper vouchers; leaving in the hands of the Treasurer seventy dollars. The Society hold the following stocks: Seventeen shares in the Merchants' Bank, Boston; sixteen hundred dollars in the Burlington and Rutland seven per cent Railroad Bonds; fifty-two shares in the Vermont and Canada Railroad; and one share in the Cocheco Manufacturing Company. The Society owe the Merchants' Bank seventeen hundred dollars on a pledge of Stock; and a Note for five hundred dollars.

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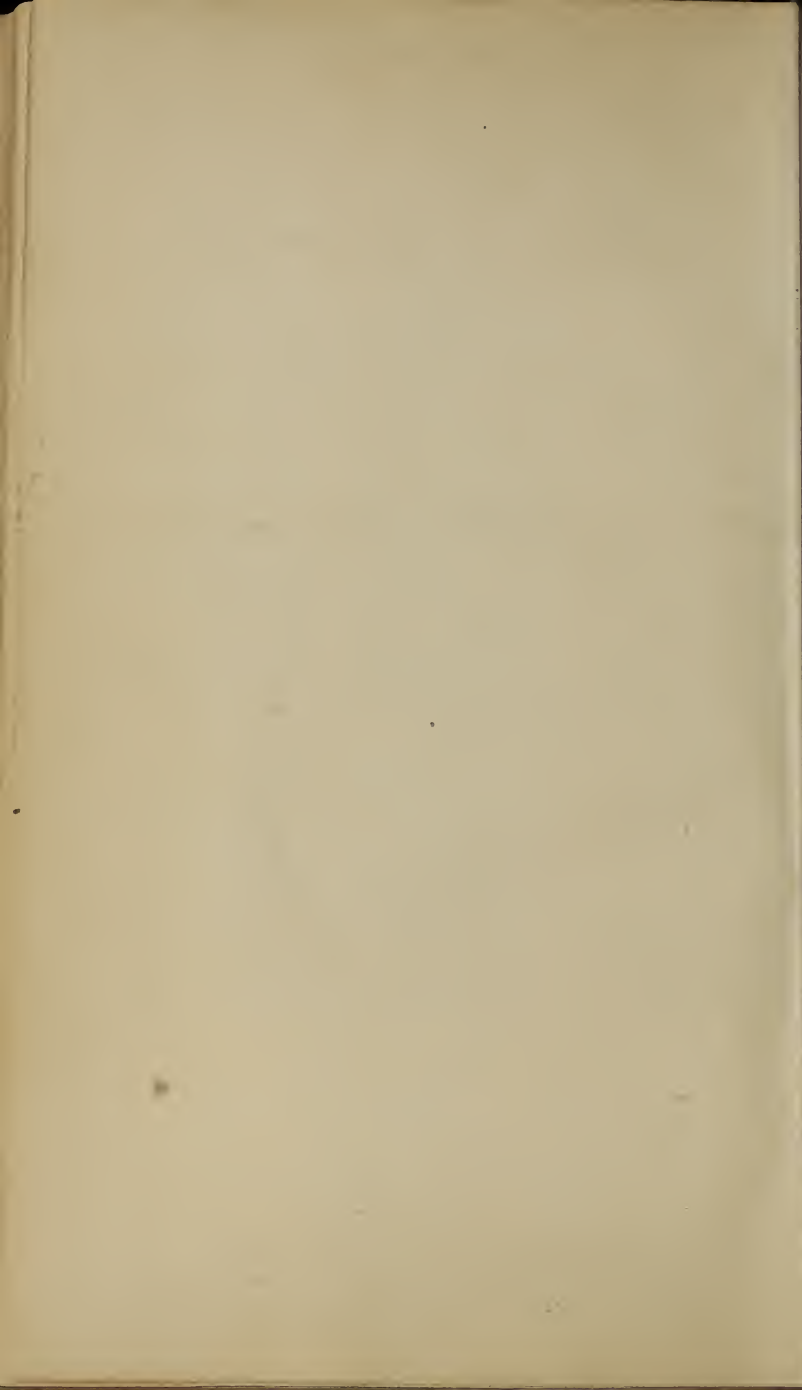
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 Rollins, Mrs. Ebenezer
 Rogers, Mr. J. H.
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 Ropes, Mrs. William
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 Ropes, Miss E.
 Russell, Mrs. Thomas H.
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 Safford, Mr. George B.
 Safford, Mr. Daniel B.
 Sargent, Mrs. J. T. W.
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 Savage, Mr. W.
 Scudder, Mrs. Charles
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 Shurtleff, Mrs. Nathl. B.
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 Shurtleff, Miss I. A.
 Shurtleff, Master C. A.
 Shattuck, Miss
 Schwarz, Rev. Louis M.
 Simpson, Mrs. M. H.
 Severance, Mrs. E. H.
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 Smith, Mrs. W. G.
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 Strong, Mrs. Alexander

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 Sweet, Mrs. J. H.
 Streeter, Mrs. N. H.
 Sayles, Miss Harriet
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FORM OF A BEQUEST.

Item. — I, A B, do give and bequeathe, to the Treasurer for the time being of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, the sum of ———, for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be applied, by the Board of Managers thereof, to the general objects of the Society. And I do direct, that the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.



TWENTY-FOURTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,

NOVEMBER 4, 1857.

"TAKE THIS AWAY, AND NURSE IT FOR ME." — Ex. ii. 9.

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DANIEL T. COIT, M.D.	<i>Associate Physician.</i>

Donations in money, goods, provisions, clothing, &c., will be gratefully accepted. The Institution is located in Rutland Street.

R E P O R T.

THE Managers of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY would ask the indulgence of its members in rendering to them a brief summary of what the Society has accomplished the past year, in place of a more extended Report ; as they regret to say that the late Secretary, Mrs. M. B. Felt, has resigned her office since the annual meeting.

The Society has experienced a loss in the resignation of Mrs. Thomas P. Cushing, their former Secretary, who served in that office for about ten years. As she felt obliged to withdraw from her official connection with the Managers at the last annual meeting, they would express the hope, that they may be favored with a continuance of her interest, and that, in the retrospect of life, she may esteem it no small thing, by her valuable Reports, to have interested so many in the welfare of the poor children of Boston, many of whom may yet be found among its noblest citizens.

It was with regret that the Managers learned of the resignation of Miss Mears, who has filled the office of Treasurer for the past six years with great fidelity and acceptance.

A kind Providence has watched over the ever-varying interests of the Institution ; raised us up friends to whom we did not look ; and, in the hour of sickness, suffered few to find the hour of death.

Instead of the Annual Sermon in behalf of the Society, which has usually been delivered in one of the city churches, a public meeting was held in the hall of the Tremont Temple, at which addresses were made by his honor the Mayor, and several clergymen ; and we trust many were favorably impressed with the labors of this Association.

In the early summer, the measles prevailed extensively in the Institution, by which the teacher and twenty-five of the children suffered more or less severely. It was fatal in the case of only one, — a little boy. During the year, two others have died, — one from consumption ; and one from whooping-cough, with which several others have been troubled. With these exceptions, the health of the family has been as good as could be expected, when the previous condition of many of the children is considered. In this connection, we would not fail gratefully to mention the untiring attention of Dr. N. C. Stevens, who kindly visited the Institution almost daily during the sickness, as well as freely gave his services, whenever they were needed, at other times. And we think all who knew of the constant and tender care of the Matron and her associates, by day and night, for nearly two months, will gladly testify to their devoted labors.

During the year, sixty-seven children have been admitted into the Institution. Thirty-nine have been removed, five of whom have been indentured in families. The largest number in the Institution at any one time was eighty-one : the present number is sixty-two. One of those who were

retained in the family for a long time, has, during the past year, arrived at the age of eighteen, and is now employed in the house: two similar cases occurred during the preceding year, and these are providing for themselves elsewhere by their own exertions.

These children have here found, for a longer or shorter period, a comfortable and happy home, with simple but varied diet, habits of order and cleanliness, instruction in sewing and domestic work so far as suitable; and all taught the simple lessons of the schoolroom, obedience to their teachers, love to one another, and to the Giver of all their mercies. They have also the advantages of the Sunday school, where, in addition to important instruction, they have the company of others of their own age, with its social influence for good. While abiding under this roof, they cannot but receive some benefit, that shall go with them for ever.

The school is in a prosperous condition, though there has unavoidably been a change of the teacher. It is the aim of the Managers to have the children as well instructed in the elementary branches of education as the frequent changes among the scholars will permit; and they hope the examples you will listen to to-day will show that the effort has not been altogether in vain. The Society is under great obligations to Mrs. James Morrison for the time and attention she has gratuitously given to instructing the children in music, and to Mr. B. W. Williams for similar services during the past two months. It is doubtful if the good influence of this exercise can be easily estimated, not only in the pleasure of the moment, and the kindly feelings it excites, but in the agreeable manner of stamping principles

on the mind, and cultivating an art which may cheer them in many lonely moments. Mr. W. R. Reed, of Taunton, has effectively labored in this good cause, by the touching lines he has composed for the children to sing on two occasions.

The Institution is open to visitors on Thursday of every week; and an occasional visit to our family of little ones would tend greatly to increase an interest already felt, or to excite such in any who now know it only by name.

We are happy to state, that the Society has been enabled to pay a note of \$1,000 at the Merchants' Bank, by the generous contributions of several friends as follows: From J. C. Howe, Esq., \$500; Samuel Johnson, Esq., \$300; Edward Wigglesworth, Esq., \$100; Lewis W. Tappan, Esq., \$50; Henry Grew, Esq., \$50. We have also received a donation of \$100 from the Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society; from John Tappan, C. Gayton Pickman, Samuel Johnson, and Samuel Johnson, jun., Esqrs., \$100 each; from Mrs. Samuel Dana, Ebenezer Dale and William S. Bullard, Esqrs., and from an unknown friend, \$50 each. Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, James F. Baldwin, and William H. Knight, Esqrs., have become life-members by the payment of \$25 each. The Chelsea Continentals kindly gave us the greater part of the avails of two concerts the last winter, — a favor highly appreciated. Our thanks are also due to Messrs. J. C. Howe and Philo Sanford for their exertions regarding the preparations for these concerts; and to Mr. Sanford the Society is under great obligations for his many acts of kindness throughout the year. The Report of the Treasurer states additional donations in money, so valuable to us; but we gratefully notice here, somewhat in detail, other gifts received from various sources.

We are glad to know that an interest is felt in the Insti-

tution beyond the limits of the city, as witnessed by the donation of a bed-quilt and a box of clothing from Manchester. In November we received a piece of unbleached cotton from Mr. Holmes; one piece of calico and a bushel of apples from Mr. S. F. Chase. At Thanksgiving we were indebted to the kindness of George Howe, Esq., for one barrel of apples; and to other friends for six turkeys, and articles suited to the festivities of the household. Three grandchildren of John Tappan, Esq., brought a turkey each to the Institution, which we doubt not rendered the day more joyous to givers and receivers. One barrel of apples from a lady, several lots of worn clothing, and articles of second-hand furniture, from friends, were of much service in such a family. On the Fourth of July, the health and happiness of the children were promoted by a large quantity of strawberries, provided by the kindness of J. F. Baldwin, Esq. We are happy also to acknowledge a donation of crash towelling, a large number of earthen mugs, and two pieces of colored flannel; from Mrs. Edward Tuckerman, articles of clothing; and from members of the Charles-street Sewing Society, long our interested benefactors, fifty-nine articles of wearing apparel, given at four different times during the year. A number of young people, connected with the Mount Vernon Society, met weekly, during the past season, to make garments furnished from the Institution: in this way they have made more than thirty articles, — a great assistance to the Matron, and a pleasant employment for themselves.

The Juvenile Benevolent Society connected with Rev. Mr. Means's Society in Dorchester has also remembered the destitute children, and generously provided thirty-three garments. To William Wales, Esq., we are again indebted

for trees and plants ; and to Messrs. Ruggles, Nourse, and Company, for vegetable and flower seeds. Mr. William Brown has continued the favor of furnishing medicines gratuitously, and Messrs. Jewett and Company kindly furnished a large number of envelopes for circulars for the public meeting. From Mr. J. C. Hazelton we received \$4 to purchase a suit of clothes for one of the larger boys, and from Mr. J. H. Rogers three barrels of flour. Others have also given us proofs of their interest. We thank you all : you have benefited the children, though they knew it not.

As is well known, this Association sprang from the disinterested act of a Christian woman, in moderate circumstances, taking to her home one friendless child, and shortly afterwards another one. From this humble beginning, the work has steadily advanced, until it has gained, we trust, the confidence of the community. Let it not sink. It is too good a cause, too simple in its operation, and too far-reaching in its influence, to be suffered to die, or to struggle onwards with crippled powers. How many helpless children call upon you to save them from neglect, perhaps abuse ! and many widowed mothers would here place their children, while they earn a portion of their board.

We feel a delicacy in asking for money at this peculiar time, and are aware of the need of practising the strictest economy ; but the importance of the object, and our urgent necessities, must be our apology. We live in hope, but know not where to look for funds to meet our expenses. Could you witness the relief of a mother, as she gains admittance for her little boy or girl to this safe retreat, or could you see some of the children in their new-found homes about the country, you would feel the value of this work. Is it not your truest economy, as members of

society, to open wide our doors, and bid the friendless or impoverished welcome?

And, ladies, can *you* not make one tithe the effort which your predecessors made, and gain a new subscriber each, where the sum required can well be spared; thus affording us reliable support from year to year?

We are not unmindful of what has already been done for this Christian enterprise. But we are asking not for ourselves: it is for those who are dependent upon the care of others. What is done for them must be done now. Ten years hence, most of them will be beyond our reach; fast ripening into blessings to the world, or sinking into careless thinkers of themselves, perhaps vicious candidates for our prisons.

Remembering that "no man liveth to himself," may a just estimate of social responsibility, and a wise regard for the future interests of the neglected children in our city, cause many willing hands to aid us in cherishing the orphan, and training the little child removed from its evil surroundings!

In behalf of the Managers,

S. R. H. GILES.

NOVEMBER, 1857.

1857.

Nov. 4.

To Cash on hand	\$70.00
To Subscriptions too late for Annual Meeting	20.00
To balance of Collection at Tremont Temple	5.00
To Collection at Shawmut-street Church and Society, including three Life-memberships of Mrs. F. Jones, Mrs. L. M. Clarke, and Mrs. L. G. Reed	125.36
To Amount from William S. Bullard, by J. C. Howe	50.00
To Amount from Mrs. Henry Wood, \$5; and Mrs. Wingate, \$3	8.00
To Donation from Mrs. Annes Lawrence	20.00
To Donation from Mrs. A. Ladd	10.00
From P. Sanford and J. C. Howe, proceeds in part of two Certificates given by Chelsea Continentals	600.00
To two Dividends from Cochecho Manufacturing Company	42.00
To Dividends from Merchants' Bank	119.00
From Old South Sewing Circle, by Mrs. H. Jones	30.00
From Miss Wells, \$3; a Friend, by Miss Cushing, \$2; a Friend, by Miss Pearson, \$2	7.00
From Peter Roe Dalton, by Mrs. Coff	10.00
From an unknown source, signed a Subscriber, by Mrs. Watts	10.00
From Mrs. Samuel Dana	50.00
From Simpson and Co.	5.00
From Ebenezer Dale, Esq., by Samuel Johnson	50.00
From John Tappan, Esq., by Samuel Johnson	100.00
From a Friend, by Mrs. Watts	2.00
From Samuel Johnson, jun., Esq.	100.00
From an unknown source, left with the Matron	50.00
From Dr. S. D. Townshend	10.00
From Samuel Johnson, Esq.	100.00
From Loan from Merchants' Bank, on Stock	500.00
From Donation from C. Gayton Pickman, Esq.	100.00
From Massachusetts Charitable Fire Association, by E. Hobart	100.00
From amount received for Board of Children	929.86
From amount received from Annual Subscribers	562.00
From amount received from small Donations	10.00
From amount received, three Life-memberships, — Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, James F. Baldwin, Esq., Wm. H. Knight, Esq., on Bill, 50 cents	75.00
From amount received for Cass children, \$2.40; and discount	
From Samuel Johnson	2.90
From E. Wigglesworth, by S. Johnson	300.00
From Henry Grew, by S. Johnson	100.00
From L. W. Tappan, by S. Johnson	50.00
From J. C. Howe	50.00
From sundry Persons	500.00
	109.44
	\$4,982.56

1857.

Nov. 4.

By Cash paid Water-tax	\$25.00
By Cash paid Miss Atkins, Interest on Note	30.00
By Cash paid on renewals of Note at Merchants' Bank	57.80
By Cash paid E. Johnson, Carpenter's Bill	233.00
By Cash paid Charles E. Noyes, painting House	187.00
By Cash, Interest on Note	30.00
By Cash for Printing-bill	46.00
By Cash, Insurance on House	4.48
By Current Expenses of House for the Year	3,307.28
By Cash paid Note at Merchants' Bank	1,000.00
By Cash on Hand to new Account	62.00
	\$4,982.56

C. MEARS.

BOSTON, Nov. 3, 1857. — We have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct, with proper vouchers; showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of sixty-two dollars. The Society hold the following stocks; viz., seventeen shares in the Merchants' Bank, Boston; sixteen hundred dollars in Rutland and Burlington Railroad, seven per cent Bonds; fifty-two shares in the Vermont and Canada Railroad; and one share in the Cochecho Manufacturing Company. The Society owe the Merchants' Bank, on a pledge of Stock, twelve hundred dollars; and a Note to another person for five hundred dollars.

JOHN C. PROCTOR, } Auditors.
ALBERT HOBART, }

Amount brought down

\$4,982.56

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 Sampson, Mr. George R.
 Saul, Mr. James
 Sigourney, Mr. A. J. C.
 Todd, Mr. Henry
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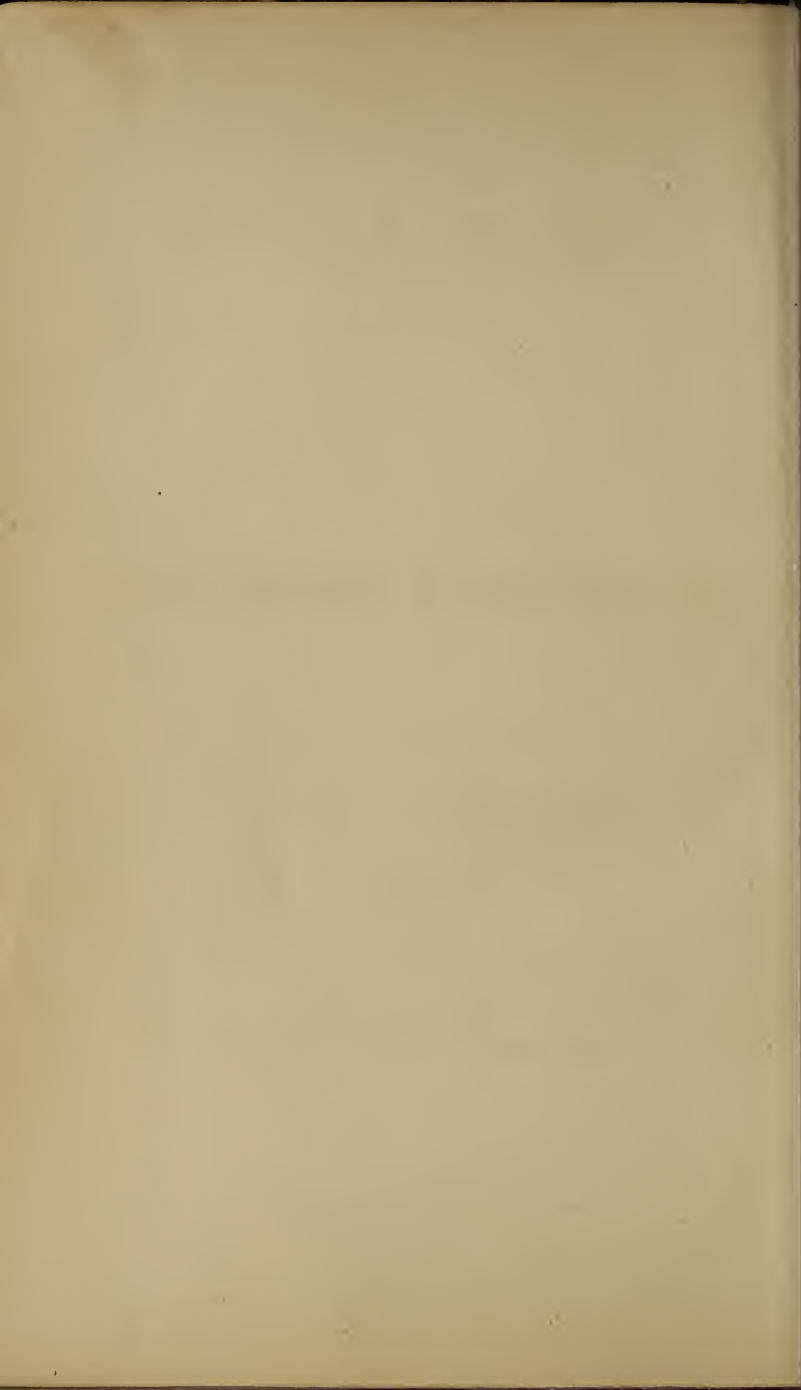
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FORM OF A BEQUEST.

Item.—I, A B, do give and bequeathe, to the Treasurer for the time being of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, the sum of ———, for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be applied, by the Board of Managers thereof, to the general objects of the Society. And I do direct, that the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.



TWENTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,

NOVEMBER 3, 1858.

"I am but a little child ; I know not how to go out, or come in."—1 Kings iii 7.

BOSTON:

PRESS OF T. R. MARVIN & SON, 42 CONGRESS STREET.

1858.

THE HISTORY OF THE

REIGN OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1858.⁹

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☞ Donations in money, goods, provisions, clothing, &c., will be gratefully accepted. The Institution is located in Rutland Street.

R E P O R T .

It is now twenty-five years since the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY was organized. From the most humble beginnings, it has increased and prospered, under the fostering care of a kind Providence, until it now numbers its friends by hundreds, and the destitute objects of its constant care by scores.

The special mission of this Society is, to provide for poor, destitute, and orphan children. These are first received to the Institution, and are fed and clothed and instructed, until they are of a sufficient age, and are otherwise prepared to be useful in families to which they are indentured for a term of years. None are admitted to the Institution under the age of three years, except in extreme cases. The instruction and training there have for their object and end, the moral and intellectual improvement of the children, as well as their preparation for general usefulness in the family.

During the past year no less than eighty-seven children have enjoyed the parental care of this Society; sixty have been admitted to the Institution, and the

average number under our charge has been seventy-five. Thirty-five have left during the year; five for homes which have been provided for them, and twenty-nine have returned to their own friends.

The expenses of such an Institution as this must necessarily be large; but hitherto a generous Christian community has sustained the enterprise. There being nothing sectarian in its organization or management, the Society has always enjoyed the confidence, and received the contributions of all denominations of Christians.

The Treasurer's Report will show how many, and how liberal, the contributions in money have been during the year; and also what our expenses have been. In addition to our receipts in money, the Managers are most happy to acknowledge their indebtedness to numerous friends, for articles of use and value to the Institution. The long list of benefactions given at the close of this Report, includes both the useful and the pleasant; and could our kind and thoughtful benefactors have seen how much their gifts contributed to the happiness of our poor children, while they materially forwarded the great end and object of the Society, they certainly would have felt abundantly rewarded for their liberality.

We have made this allusion to the donations of useful and agreeable articles, not only as an act of justice to the donors, and as an expression of our own grateful emotions, but also as a reminder to other benevolent persons, of some of the various ways in which the Children's Friend Society may be aided in its benevo-

lent and important work, independently of pecuniary gifts.

Since our last anniversary, death has made his inroad upon the Children's Friend Society, in the removal of its President, Mrs. MARGARET DUNCAN BALDWIN. She was one of the first originators of this charity, and President of this Society for nearly a quarter of a century; having lived to see the desire of her heart accomplished, in the success of the Institution over which she presided with so much faithfulness. Always assiduous in the discharge of the various duties which devolved upon her, wise in counsel and prompt in action, she was ever ready for the adoption and prosecution of such measures as were best calculated to advance the interests of the Institution which she so fondly loved; and not only so, but she was always liberal in her contributions of money to carry forward these measures. The result of her self-denying and long-continued labors speak more fittingly her praise than our feeble powers can do. In compliance with the exhortation of the Apostle, she was ever 'diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;' and, we confidently believe, has entered on her everlasting reward.

The Board has also been called to part with a warm friend and an efficient Manager, by the resignation of Mrs. SETH BLISS, who has been connected with the Society for a number of years. Her energy and independence eminently qualified her for the position she has long and faithfully filled, and her removal from

the city must be regarded as a serious loss to the Children's Friend Society.

The children have been more than usually blessed with health during the past year. There has been but one death among them.

The Managers, in conclusion, desire to return their grateful acknowledgments to all who have in any way contributed to the support of the Institution under their care. We cannot omit to mention, specially, the names of SAMUEL JOHNSON, Esq., and Mr. J. C. HOWE, who have been our most constant and liberal benefactors; and also Mr. PHILO SANFORD, who has been untiring in his labors of love, devoting much of his time to promote the objects of the Institution, and by solicitation and example, inducing others to aid this charity.

With increased confidence in the importance of the special mission in which the Boston Children's Friend Society is engaged, and assurance that its labors of love are approved by Him who has called himself a "Father of the fatherless," we commend the Institution to the liberality and prayers of all, of every denomination of Christians, who are disposed to regard the inspired injunction: "To do good and communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

In behalf of the Board,

Mrs. N. C. STEVENS, *Secretary.*

DR. TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY. CR.

1858.

Nov. 1—To cash on hand, November 1st, 1857,	\$ 62 00	1858.	Nov. 1.—By cash paid	Interest on loans,	\$ 118 20
" Amount received from annual subscribers, inclusive of several small donations,	498 55		" " " " " " " "	City water rates,	25 00
" Amount received for board of children,	823 67		" " " " " " " "	Printing,	51 00
" Collection at Old South Church, Annual Meeting,	129 53		" " " " " " " "	Plumbing work,	67 13
" Proceeds two concerts given by "Chelsea Continentals,"	650 45		" " " " " " " "	For fuel,	198 55
" Collection at Shawmut Church, including Rev. Charles Smith and Mrs. Smith, life members,	115 81		" " " " " " " "	For mason and stove work,	30 79
" Amount received Mrs. W. F. Whitney, life membership,	25 00		" " " " " " " "	For a <i>One Thousand Dollar Bond</i> , City of Brooklyn, Water Loan, 1881, per bequest of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Gurney, to be known as the " <i>Fennelly Fund</i> ,"	1,000 00
" " " " " " " "	25 00		" " " " " " " "	Current expenses of house for the year,	3,414 98
" " " " " " " "	20 00		" " " " " " " "	Treasurer's note, for borrowed money mentioned in last Report,	560 00
" " " " " " " "	10 00				
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" " " " " " " "	200 00				
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" " " " " " " "	47 81				
" Balance, due Treasurer, and carried to new account,	\$ 5,405 65				\$ 5,405 65

By balance due the Treasurer, \$ 47 81

BOSTON, 1st NOVEMBER, 1858.

EDWIN LAMSON, TREASURER.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 2, 1858.—We have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct, with proper vouchers, showing a balance due the Treasurer of forty-seven dollars eighty-one cents.—The Society holds the following stocks:—Seventeen shares in the Merchants' Bank, Boston; sixteen hundred dollars in Burlington and Rutland seven per cent. bonds; fifty-two shares in Vermont and Canada Railroad; one share in the Cochecho Manufacturing Company; and one thousand dollars in the bonds of the City of Brooklyn, N. Y. The Society owes the Merchants' Bank twelve hundred dollars on a pledge of stock.

ALBERT HOBART, }
WM. T. EUSTIS, }
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Item.—I, A B, do give and bequeath, to the Treasurer for the time being of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, the sum of ———, for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be applied, by the Board of Managers thereof, to the general objects of the Society. And I do direct, that the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE YEAR.

Apples and vegetables, from E. C. Emerson, Brookline.

1 box raisins, J. A. White.

3 turkeys and 96 buns, from Mr. Tappan.

2 turkeys, from Mrs. Baldwin and Reynolds.

1 turkey, from B. Smith.

One-half dozen tea-spoons, Mrs. Sanford.

Piece calico, Mrs. Lane.

Chest of tea, from L. Dana.

2 pairs hose, Mrs. Butler.

A number of articles, from Charles Street Sewing Circle; also, from Mount Vernon Church.

Fragments of cloth, Rowe Street Sewing Circle.

3 turkeys, from three little boys.

12 garments made, and 3 bonnets trimmed, by Miss Gibson and others.

1 bottle of ink, Mr. Maynard.

2 dozen writing books, from Brown & Bazin.

Pieces for patch work, Mrs. Baldwin.

Bedquilts, Mrs. J. Stacy.

Piece delaine, 7 barrels flour, from a friend.

1 pair hose, box of clothing, from Townsend, Vt.

Box of clothing, from East Medway.

Articles of clothing, through Mrs. Coit.

One-half dozen combs, Mrs. Ladd.

Garden and flower seeds, Rev. J. G. Morrison, Quincy.

Rose bushes and shrubs, Mr. Kendall; also from Mr. Dall.

2 pairs hose, Mrs. Waitt.

24 palm leaf hats, remnants of calico, 3 dozen socks, 1 box chalk, 1 piece cotton cloth, through Mrs. Eustis.

July 4th, \$6 from W. T. Eustis, to purchase strawberries for children.

One-half dozen large spoons, 2 dozen tea spoons, from Thomas Flint.

20 pairs shoes, one mahogany bureau and cover, by Charles B. Merrill.

Invoice of merchandise presented to the Boston Children's Friend Society by the parties as noted, to the amount of 43 dollars:—Charles R. Merrill, Rising Lester, Childs & Co., Leonard & Blanchard, C. W. Webster, Thomas O. Pray, Loring & Phillips, Jaazaniah Gross, David G. Cooley, Charles A. Davis, James Tucker & Co., Potter, Nute, White & Bailey, Boyd, Corey & Co., Vernon Holbrook, Kimball, Robinson & Co., Townsend, Mallard & Cowing, Atherton, Stetson & Co.—J. Collamore & Co. crockery ware.—Charles Brooks & Co., hardware.

Several quarts of milk daily, during the winter, from Mrs. F. W. Andrews, Franklin square.

